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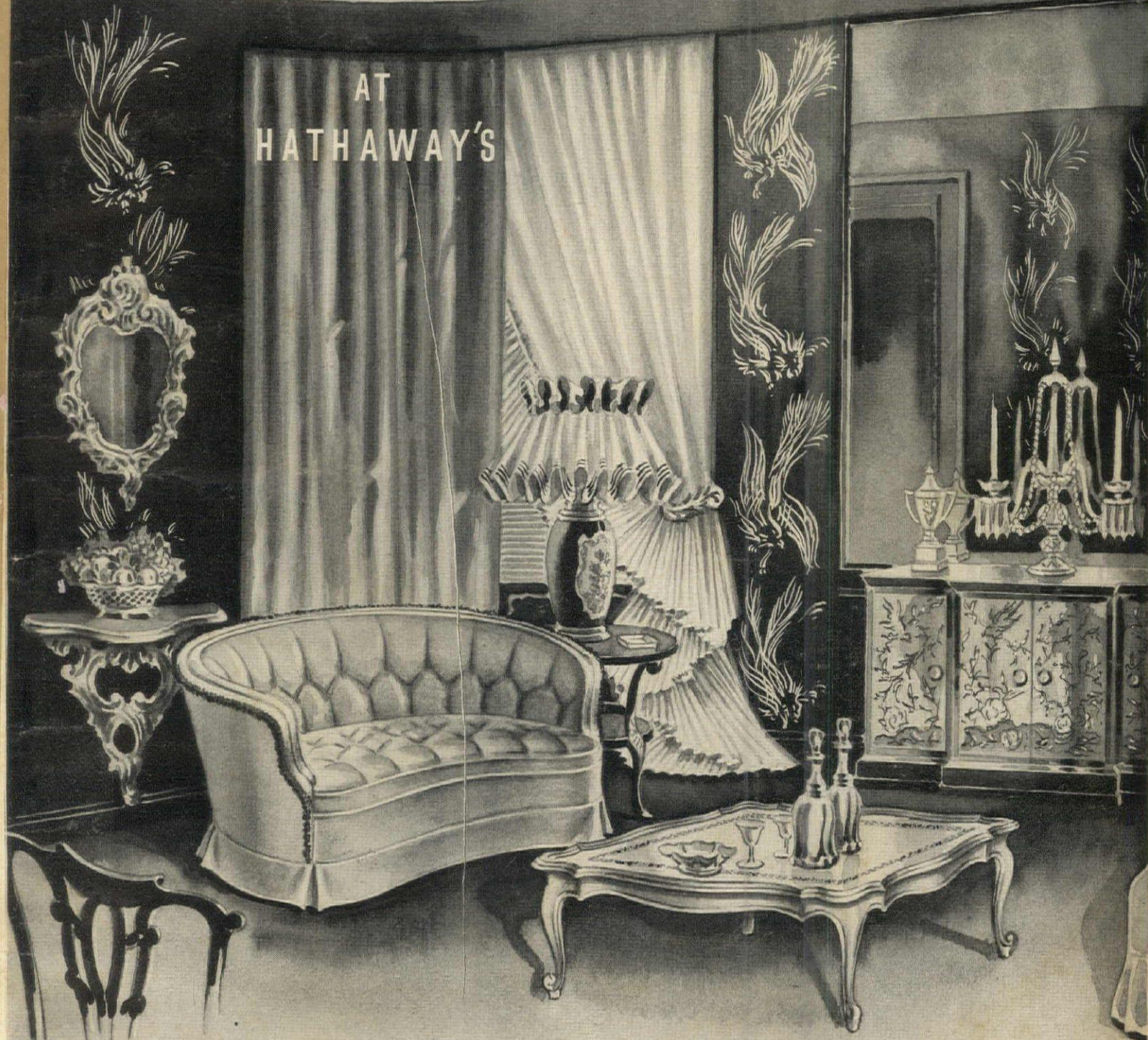
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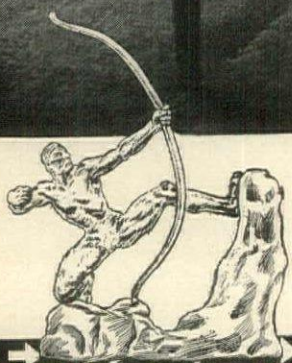


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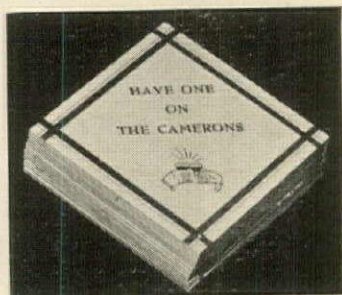
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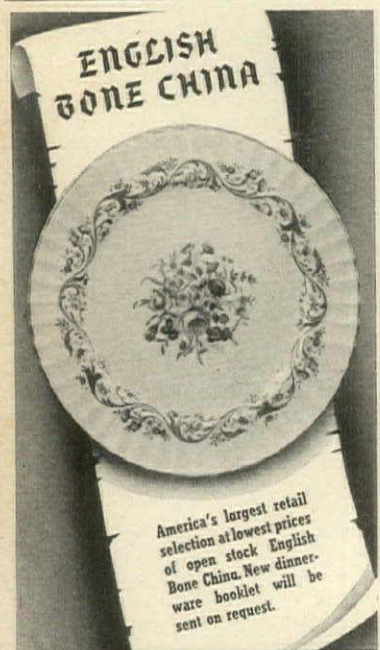


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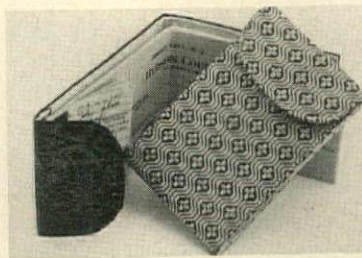
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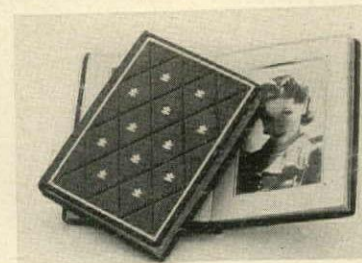
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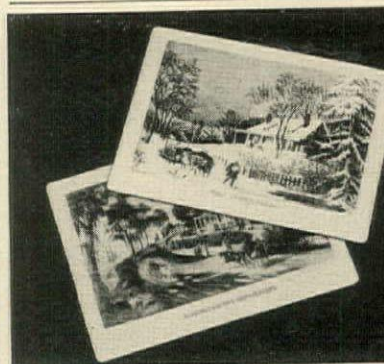
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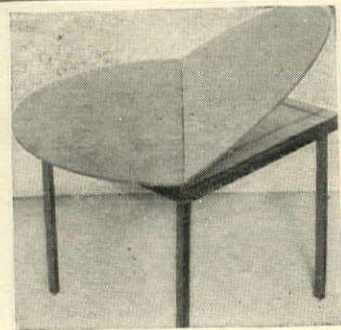
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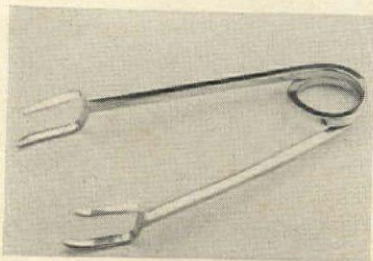
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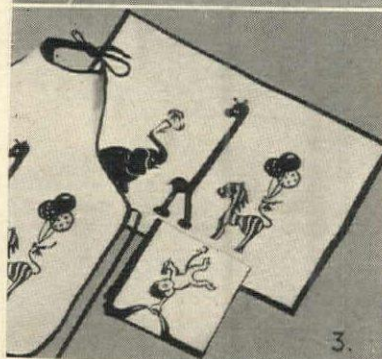
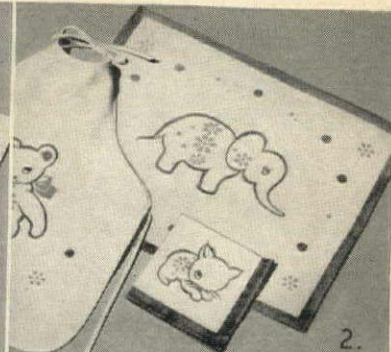
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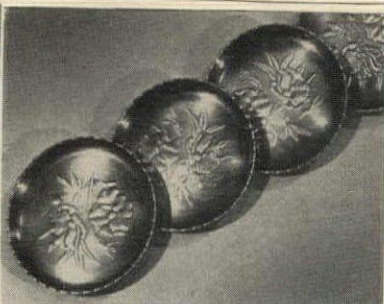
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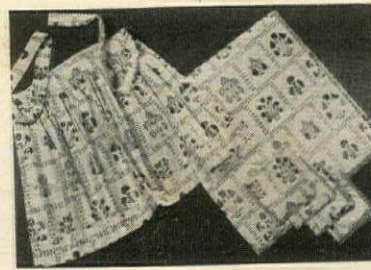
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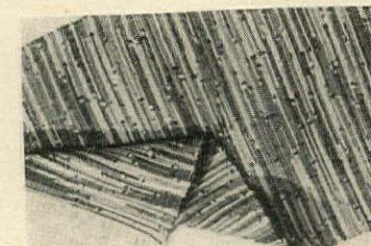
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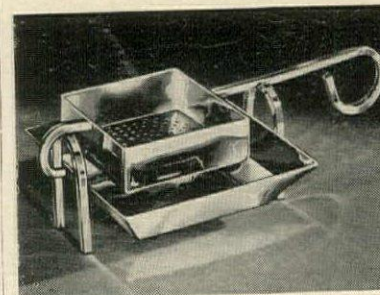


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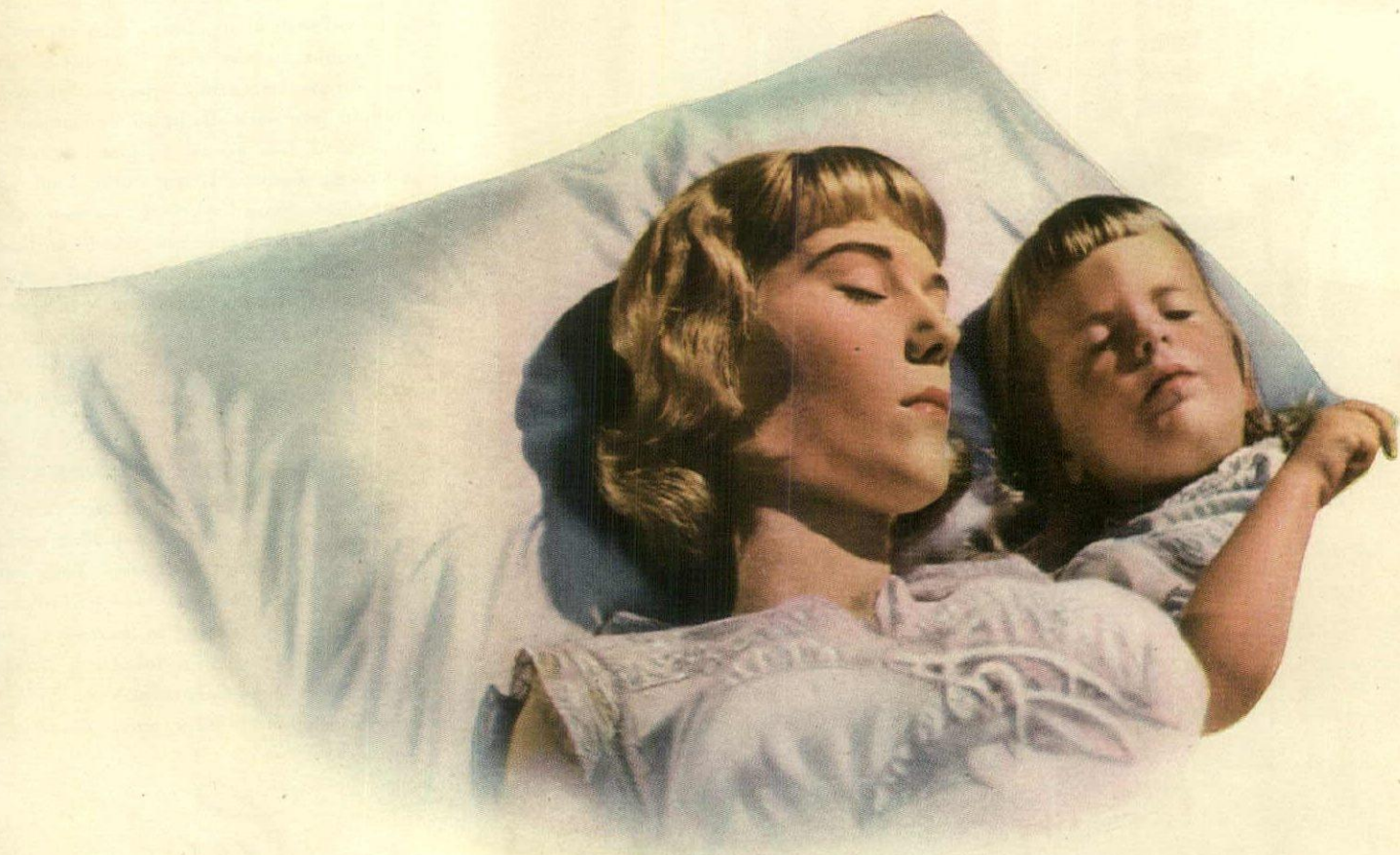
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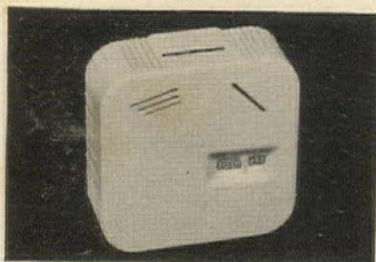
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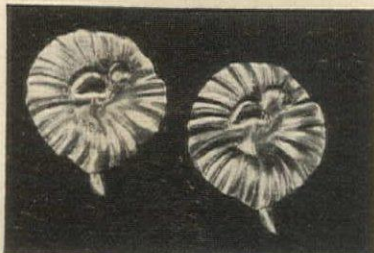
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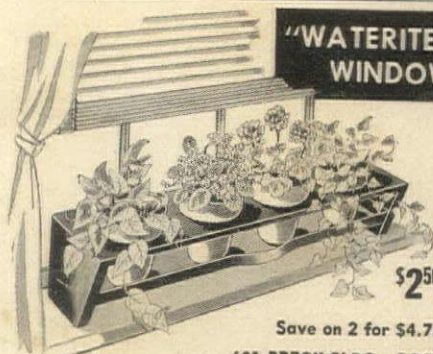
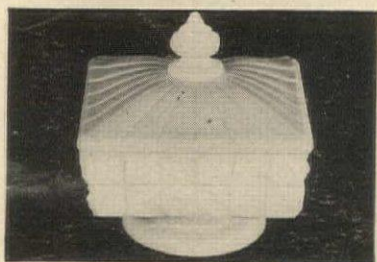
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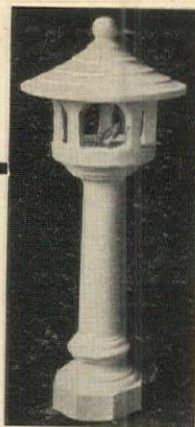
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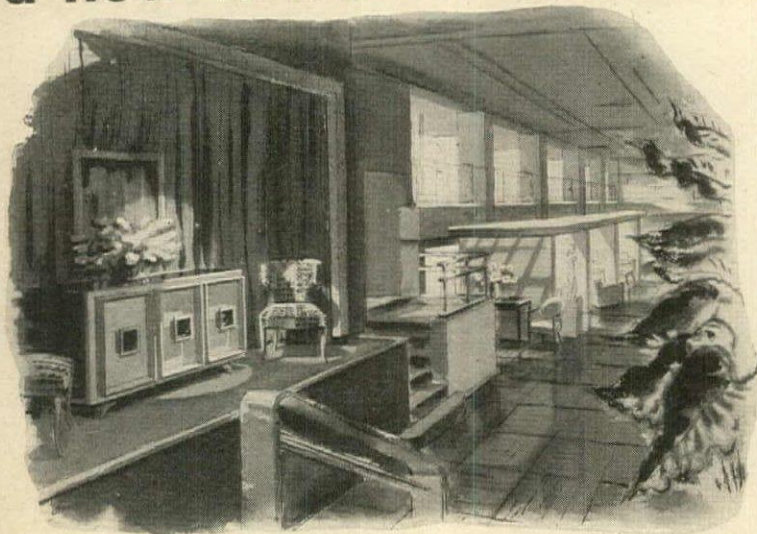
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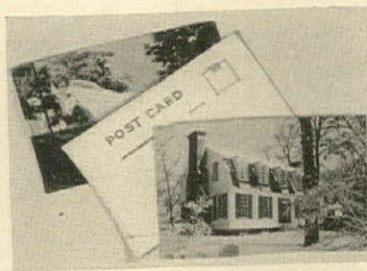
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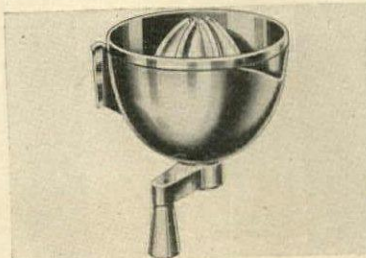
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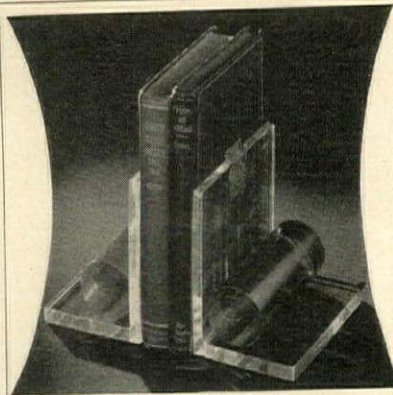
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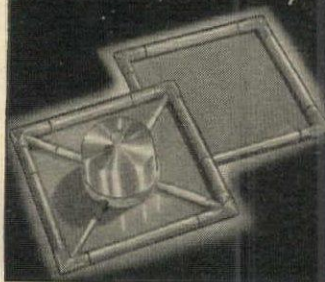
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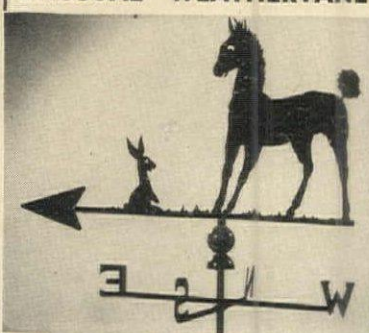
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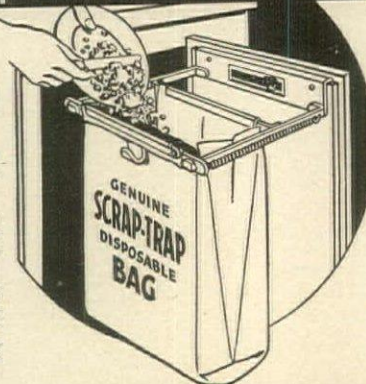
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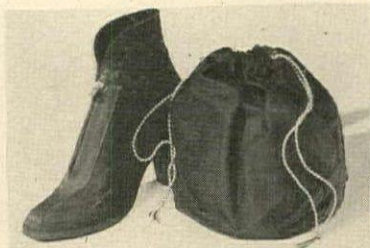
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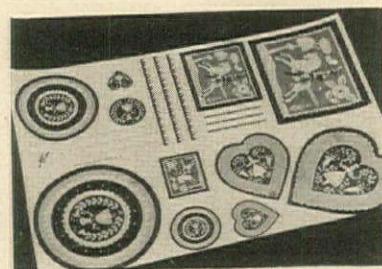
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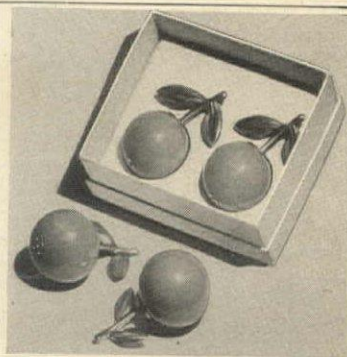
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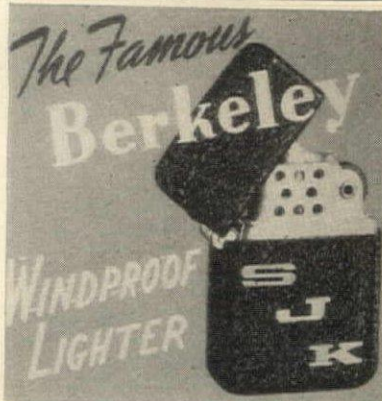
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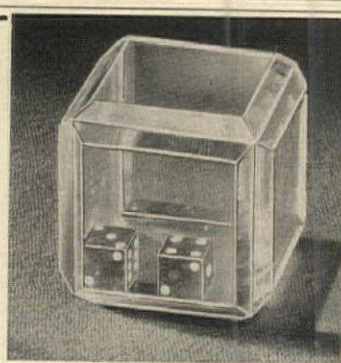
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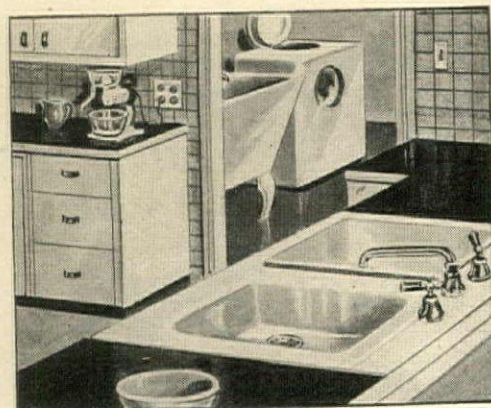
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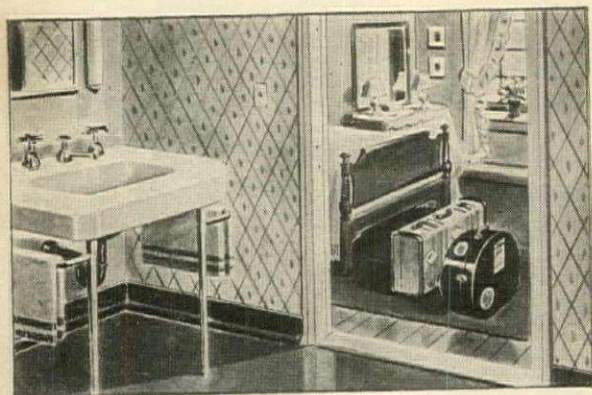
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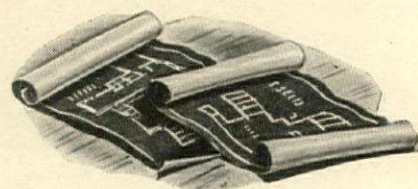


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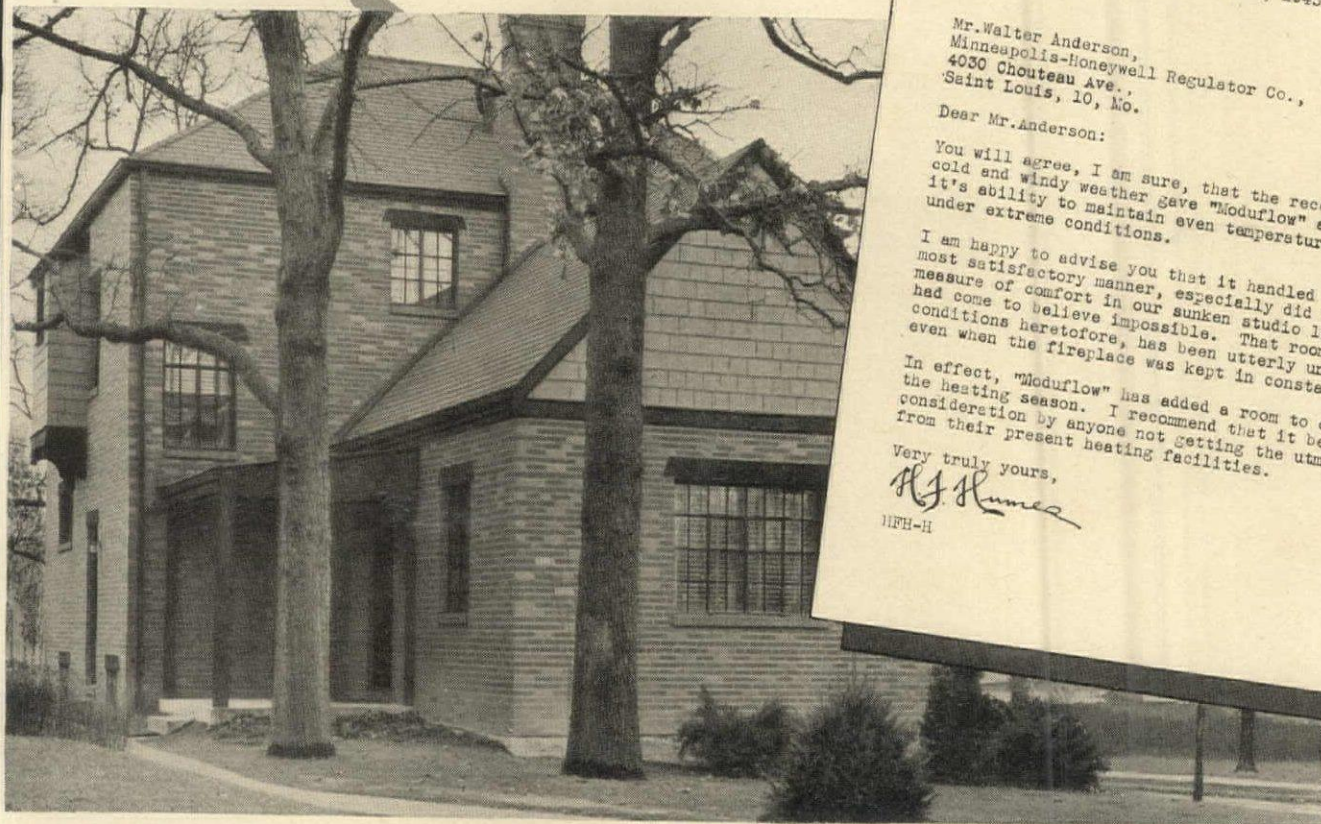
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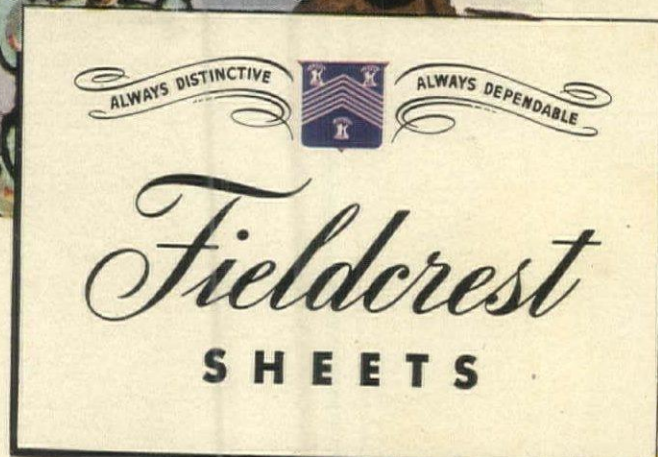
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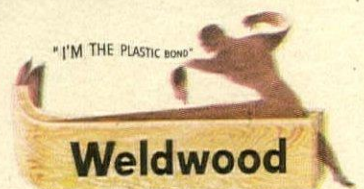
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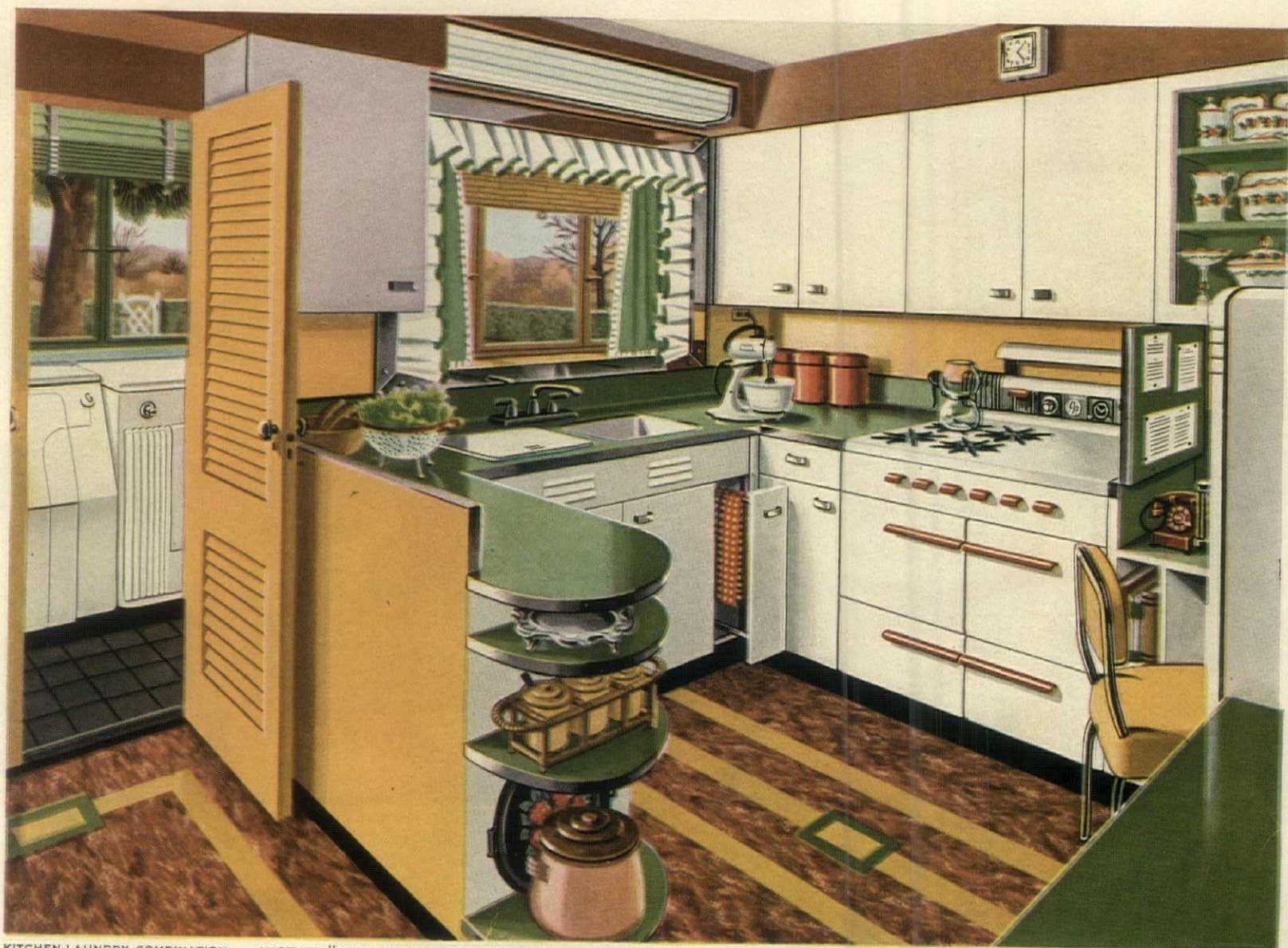


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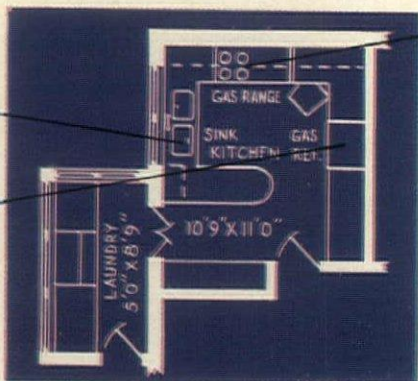


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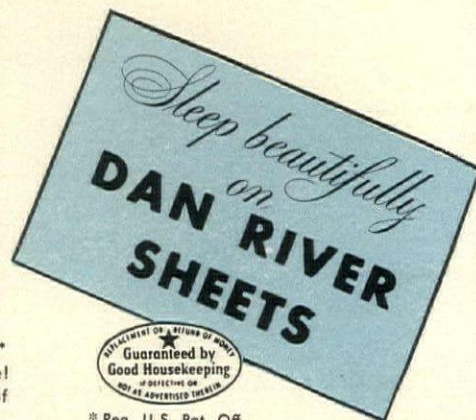


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IDEALS FOR MAKING BETTER GARDENS IN THE FIRST PEACE YEAR

Sooner than we expect, the catalogs appear and gardeners enjoy their first upsurge of enthusiasm. Later the second will come, when crocuses dot the lawn and daffodils spill the Milky Way on earth and ferns unfold their furry crosiers. With catalog in hand, the dreaming, planning and ordering commence. All this should be decided in the light of what the garden already has. It is folly to order a shrub without knowing where it is to go, without being sure that the location suits its growth and best mature display. It is unfair to the plants and the men who produce them.

A close study of catalogs reveals that they offer good variety and better varieties. Some of the just good may be growing in our own gardens. Many have been superseded by better sorts. Gardens can become obsolete. The alert gardener replaces the just good by the better. And this applies all along, from the commonest annual flower and vegetable to the commonest shrub.

This year more than ever before, the necessity for ordering early is urgent. Phenomenally increased buying of plants and shortage of man-power have brought about a critical situation in many categories of the nursery trade. The seed industry is in a far more favorable position. Whether considering seeds or plants, order early.

That done, then comes the visualizing of how the garden can be changed, freshened, brought to sparkling flowery life after the neglect of war years. The vegetable patch, too, will enjoy freedom. The grim necessity for raising only subsistence vegetables has gone and we are able once more to experiment with what we'd long hoped to grow. So the first gardens of peace will show the grounds around the house stepping up with the times, just as the equipment and decoration indoors. Not alone will we be growing new and better plants, we will also be using new materials in combatting plant diseases and pests. The gardens of tomorrow will be better gardens.



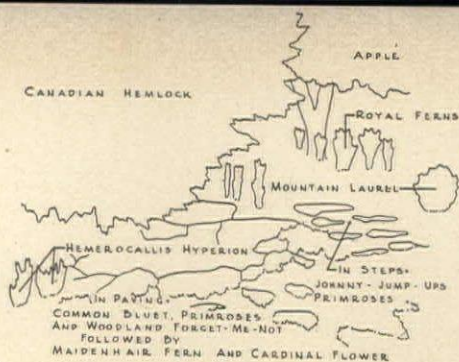
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Garden details

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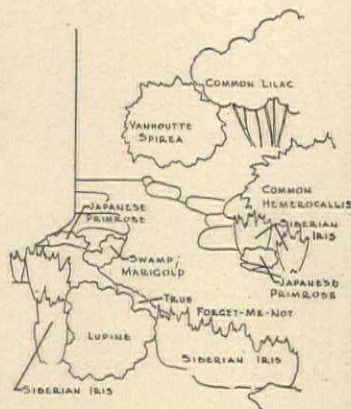
ADD A PERSONAL TOUCH

■ Like anything else, a garden is the sum of its parts, and the better those parts the better the garden. Some are unbroken flat stretches of lawn, restful to the eye and contrasting with the vertical beauty of trees and shrubs. Others develop around some particular feature—a pool or brook, a rocky outcropping or the dense shade of trees. In each of these different situations certain plants grow naturally, because of the dampness of the soil and the amount of light. Those that are companionable we group together, but the manner in which they are placed, the added touches of stone and the blending of colors can make even the smallest detail memorable. Here are four such garden features, with planting plans that can be adjusted and applied to like situations in other people's gardens. These particular features have to be related to the garden as a whole. They shouldn't be crammed together. Restful areas should lie between them and the more they are hidden and come upon unexpectedly, the greater the visitor's delight.



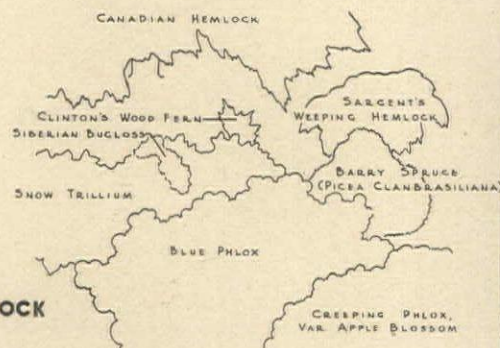
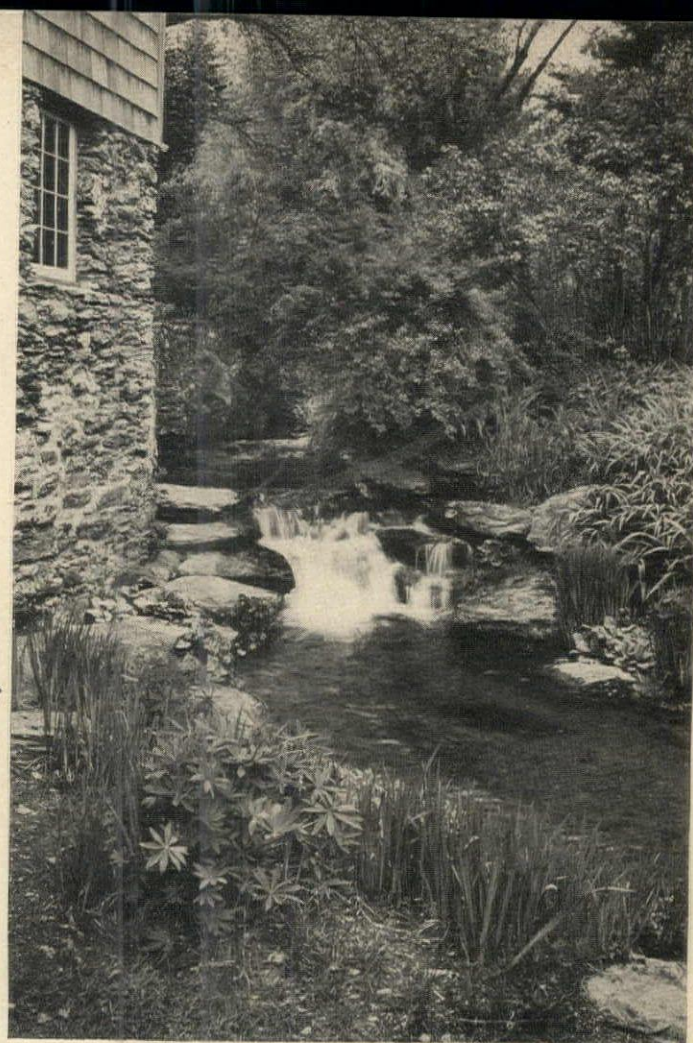
◀ **BESIDE A SHADOWED POOL**

Bluets, forget-me-nots and primroses self-sow between the stones near this spring-fed pool in the North Egremont, Mass., garden of the George O. Forbes.



BY A TUMBLING BROOK

Fortunate owners of a brook, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Spahr of North Egremont encourage plants that like wet feet. Primroses sometimes wash out in thaws, replant downstream.



AT THE FOOT OF A HEMLOCK

*The chaste whiteness of *Trillium grandiflorum* and the pastels of two phloxes stand out against green needles and gray rocks. The J. M. Hodsons' garden, Greenwich, Conn.*



ON A ROCKY SLOPE, PART SUN

On the same southeast slope in the Hodson garden, designer Marcel Le Piniec has used a charming combination of dwarf shrubs and perennials. The spot gets sun only half a day.



R

eplant now—from the window

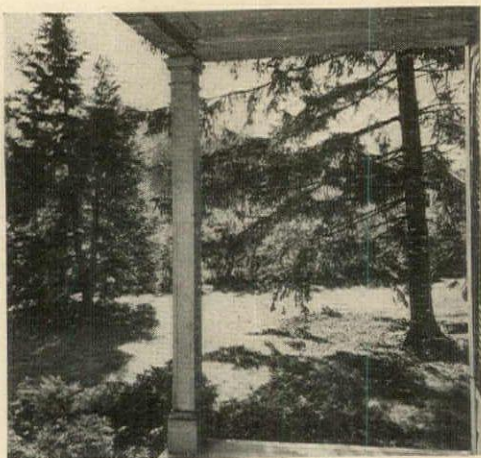
■ The gardener, like the artist, is never entirely satisfied with his achievements. Probably that is one of the main fascinations of gardening—there is always room for improvement whether it be in a complete change of plan or simply the shifting of blue iris beside its complementary early gold hemerocallis.

This year will see a burst of activity in ornamental gardening. Whether consciously or not, the gardener has been storing up ideas of beauty while tending his vegetable patch. His weedy rock garden, unedged borders and overgrown shrubs have been bearing down upon his spirit of neatness. He is anxious to reaffirm his leadership over the weeds and to make some of the improvements that wartime chores have kept him from carrying out.

It isn't necessary to wait until spring to satisfy some of these gardening impulses. But before the pruning shears are brought out or the old garden plan scrapped, it is well to check over the property.

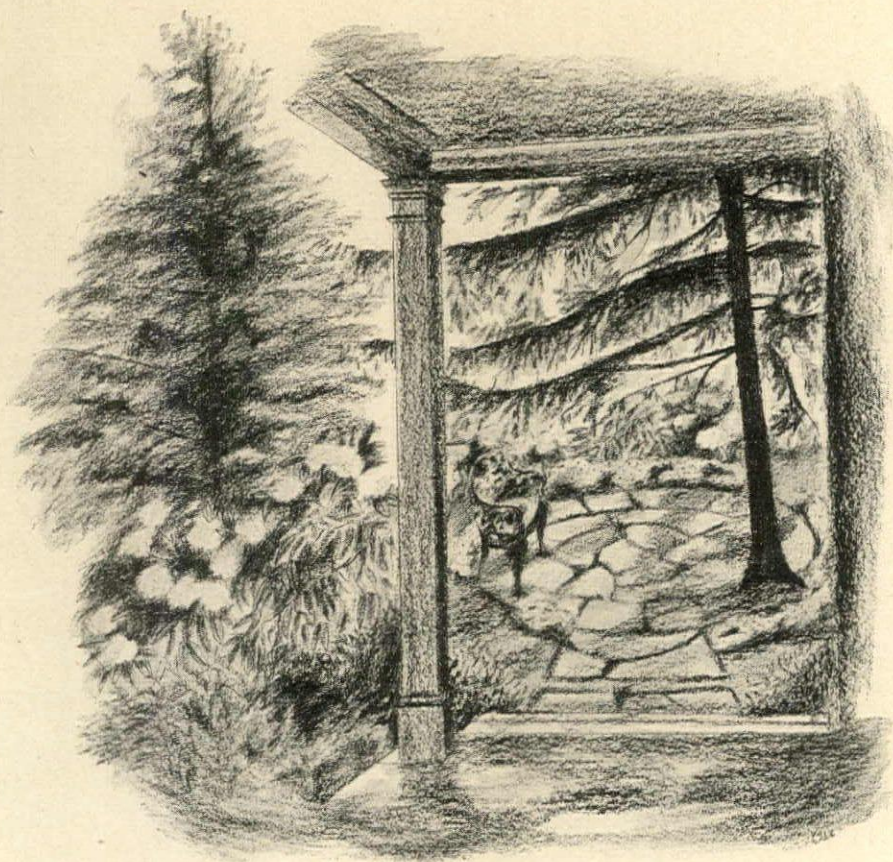
Winter is an excellent time to judge the proportions of a garden. At this season its backbone only is visible. Pick a snowless day when the ground pattern shows up plainly and view the garden from upper windows, criticizing all the important elements—the lawn, the empty beds, the tree and shrub specimens and groups, and the changes of level. First criticize the whole property from the standpoint of use. Considering the limitations of its four boundaries, does the garden satisfy the particular garden interests of the family? Next, are the various parts in proportion and well connected? Do the existing plants fill their spaces satisfactorily and do they have the health and vigor that indicate good site and soil? Finally, how can more attractive seasonal floral pictures be created?

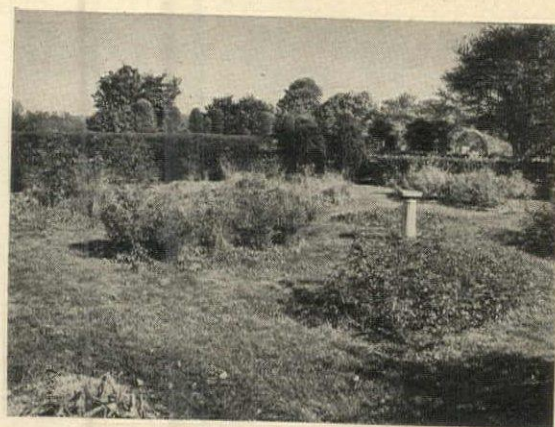
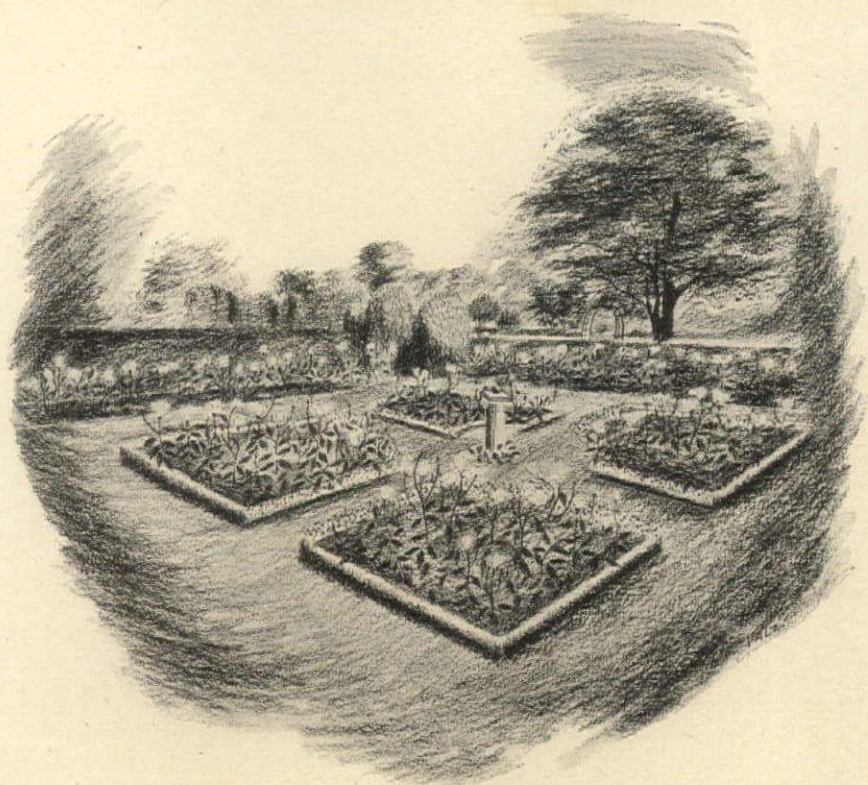
The first aim should be to work toward a simplified layout that eliminates clutter and gives a feeling of composure. Often there are chances to unify the plan or make the property more liveable (Continued on page 96)



SOME TREE TRIMMING

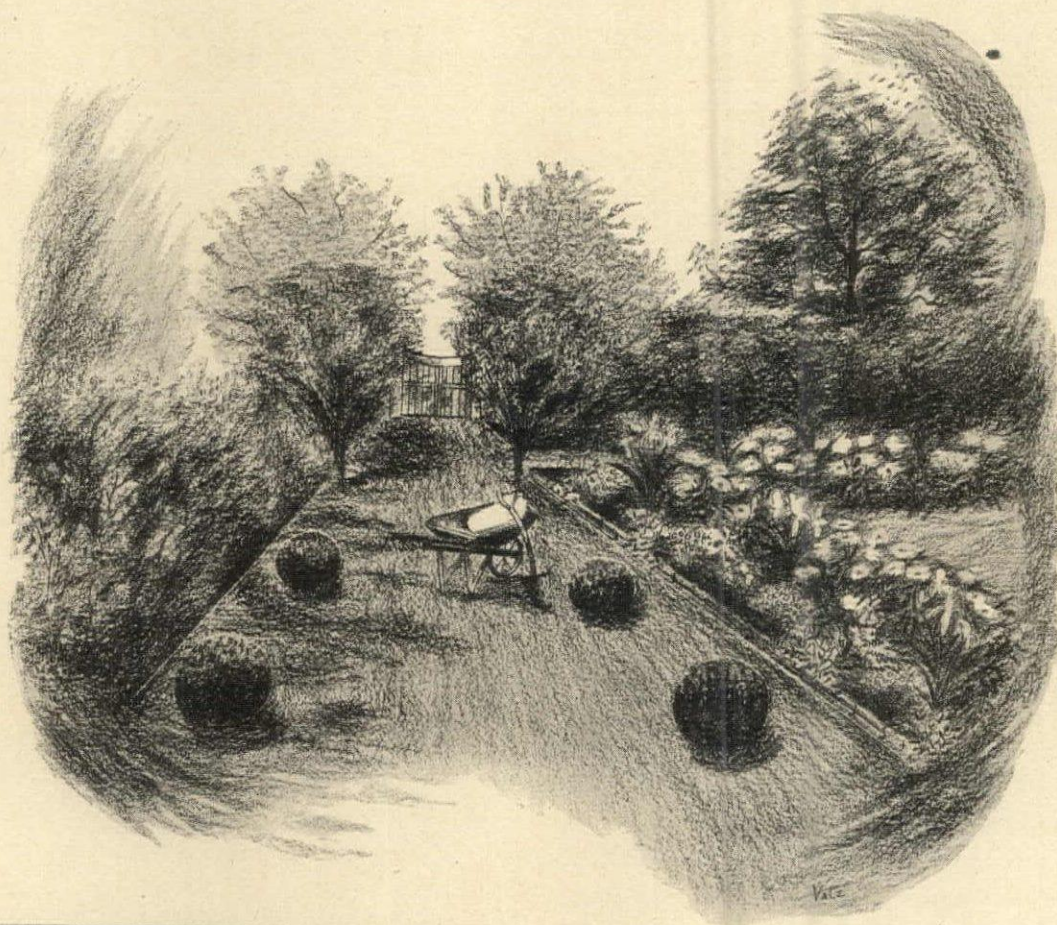
with the addition of background shrubs, paving and porch steps, makes a garden room of waste space. To fit the soil and shade beneath existing large Norway Spruce and Canadian Hemlock, owners plan to introduce hybrid rhododendrons, the dainty Glossy Abelia and Drooping Leucothoe. Foreground can be kept to wildflowers and ferns or livened up with gay spring bulbs.





A ROSE GARDEN

of all special gardens must be spruce. The replacement of poor bushes with new and better varieties, the edging of beds and manicuring of paths are all important in bringing a run-down garden back to the state that shows off the blooms to advantage.



A PERENNIAL BORDER

can be a fine feature if it is in good condition and well tied to the rest of the grounds. This one is to be treated to both phases of remodeling. The owners will sort out the hodgepodge of perennials and replant the narrow border to a background row of peonies, groups of iris and spring bulbs, to be followed by low annuals. Two flowering crabapples and two tree-form bush honeysuckles with a gate will be introduced at the end of the axis for background, screening and to "turn" the border. Boxwoods will line both sides of the wide grass panel to bring it into better proportion with the narrow border.



Clarity in seed catalogs is predicted by E. I. Wilde, Professor of Horticulture, Pennsylvania State College, who presents the petunia as a popular floral example

Emphasis on Petunias

■ Seed catalogs by the thousands will soon be in the mails. Gardeners who eagerly await them in every part of the country will find that 1946's catalogs show considerable improvement over their pre-war counterparts. The gay colors and enticing names are still there by the scores, but the compiler has shown more discrimination than usual in choosing varieties and in giving exact descriptions of the plants.

These improvements in seed catalogs started with the curtailment of qualified help on seed production farms during the war. Finding it necessary to cut down on production, the short-handed seedsmen took inventory and eliminated the less desirable flower and vegetable varieties. As a result the public both suffered and benefited—suffered the loss of diversity and quantity of material, but gained by the elimination of poor varieties. Many catalogs are now comparatively free from second-rate varieties, and this holds a good augury for the future.

This sweeping out of inferior and near-duplicate varieties began a housecleaning in catalogs. Seedsmen are trying to meet the demands for exact flower descriptions. There is still a long way to go but they have made a good start toward standardizing plants and descriptions.

■ Petunias admirably illustrate the past confusions in catalog descriptions, and they are a timely example since three of this year's four annuals to win All-America Selections awards are petunias.

Bright Eyes, a dwarf white-throated pink, winner of the bronze medal, is one of a valuable class of small-flowered bedding varieties, of both tall and dwarf heights. In the past this simple and descriptive class has been variously listed in catalogs as *hybrida*, *erecta*, *nana* and *compacta*, alone or in combination. The result is utter confusion for the average purchaser. The one phrase, "small-

flowered bedder", could aptly describe all petunias that comprise this large class.

The unusual color of Peach Red, another small-flowered bedding petunia and a 1946 All-America honorable mention, brings our attention to catalog discrepancies and synonyms in color descriptions. Peach Red is a departure from the blue-pink of most petunias. It is an indescribable color (a tint of 60 percent red and 40 percent orange, according to Ridgway's "Color Standards and Nomenclature") of such depth that it clashes with other pink petunias but will blend with strong yellows and even with yellow-reds.

With the exception of the varieties Peach Red, Cheerful and Salmon Supreme, the range of petunia colors is very narrow, from almost royal purple to amaranth-pink (74 percent red and 26 percent violet). Most petunias are 26 to 67 percent blue and, therefore, definitely purples. True rose-pink (the color of the lightest pink carnation—a tint of 90 percent red and 10 percent blue) does not exist in petunias. Yet catalogs in the past have used the terms deep rose, brilliant rose, rose pink, bright rose and clear rose for five separate varieties of petunias that are not rose pink at all and that vary so slightly in shade that their effect in the garden is approximately the same. The so-called blue petunias are really violet.

Most catalogs clearly describe flower forms, the reason being that they offer

little chance for confusion. There is no mistaking, for instance, that Colossal Shades of Rose, this year's winner of the All-America silver medal, is a double, and fully as double as the unobtainable Japanese strain of Victorious fringed doubles. Unfortunately the flowers' varying shades of pink are to a high percent true purples, the "magenta" shade that some gardeners avoid. However, by careful selection hybridists can undoubtedly improve on the color.

■ Petunias can be divided into five groups according to flower type—the large-flowered (*grandiflora*) plain petaled, the large-flowered (*grandiflora*) fringed, the Giants of California, the all-doubles and the small-flowered bedders mentioned.

The largest group and the most important for the home garden is the small-flowered bedder. The group breaks down into two types: the tall, vigorous growers, known as balconies, so called because they may be used for window boxes as well as in beds, and smaller, more compact plants suitable for close planting. Some of the best small-flowered varieties, grouped by color, follow:

First Lady (Fair Lady) stands alone in the light pink class. It is dwarf and erect in growth with prolific bloom. Cheerful and Salmon Supreme have nearly equal depth of color, described by Ridgway as a grayish deep rose pink, decidedly not salmon. Cheerful is preferred because of its spreading habit, large flowers and dependability.

The next color is nearly the depth of the spectrum and includes many desirable varieties, especially Celestial Rose, Rose of Heaven and Rose Queen Improved. Celestial Rose is slightly deeper in shade and the plant is more compact than the other two, which are almost identical. Bright Eyes belongs in this group. (Cont'd on page 34)

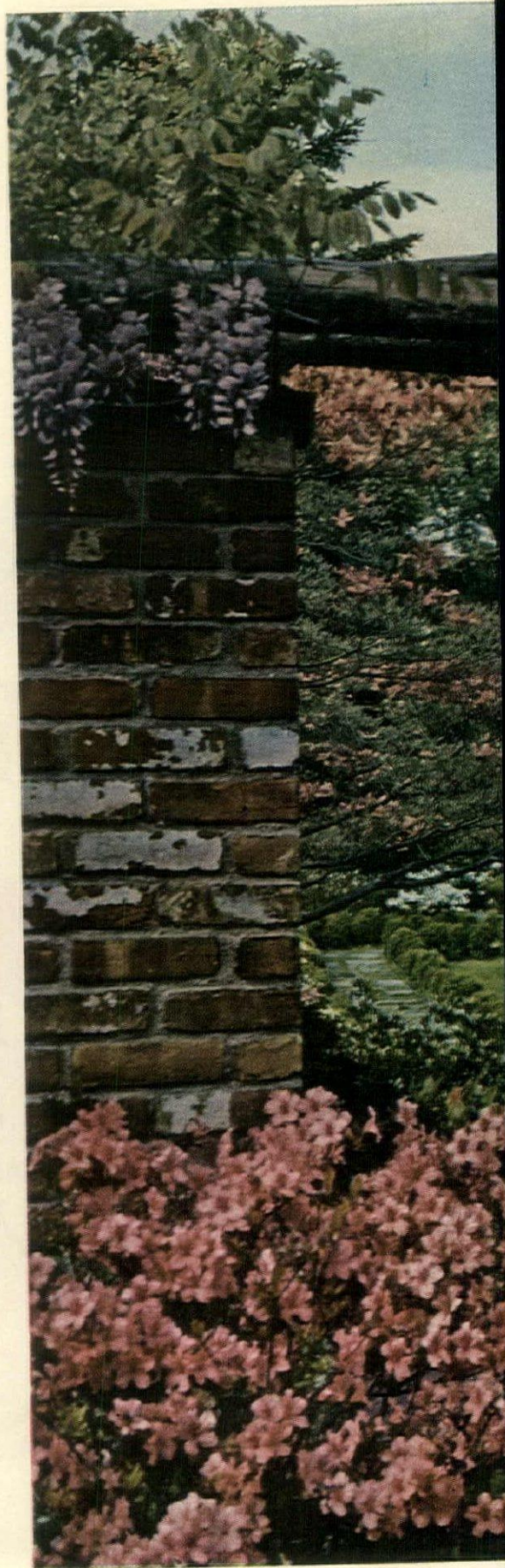


A dozen annuals, some new, some tried. 1. *Browallia Sapphire*. Two new yellows: 2. *Cosmos Yellow Ruffles* and 3. *Marigold Victory*. 4. *Snapdragon Loveliness*; 5. *Larkspur Blue Spire*; 6. *Lobelia Emperor William*. Three petunias, all 1946 All-America Selections winners: 7. *Colossal Shades of Rose*, 8. *Peach Red* and 9. *Bright Eyes*. 10. *Rainbow Pink*; 11. *Verbena Beauty of Oxford*; 12. *Helianthus Dwarf Maroon Prince*.

Spring in pink and white



A pink Flowering Dogwood tops the frothy bed of Snow, Indica and Maxwell Azaleas in this Long Island garden, designed by Umberto Innocenti and Richard K. Webel. Candytuft and pink and white tulips complement the shrubs and are later replaced by white petunias, creamy lantanas and heliotrope.



VIEWS OF THE NELSON DOUBLEDAYS' GARDEN.



The garden through a wisteria-covered trellis. The plan centers in a grass panel that is surrounded by a boxwood-edged path and the azalea beds. The brick-piered enclosure permits vistas of the harbor and woods. Interrupting it on the north side, a hemlock hedge shelters the garden and, with rhododendrons and laurel, makes a deep green foil for the pastel blooms. One corner of the brick terrace adjoining the library can be seen at the right. The garden was planned over a period of time, permitting the owners to grow shrubs from small plants. Kodachromes by Gottscho-Schleisner.

MILL NECK, NEW YORK



Three New Roses are among this year's welcome prizes for the home garden:

1. *Peace*, 1946 All-America Selections winner, at top, with the dainty *Floribunda Goldilocks* and miniature *Hybrid-Tea Pink Bountiful*. Other outstanding flowers are 2. *Dahlia Luxon*, 3. *Gladiolus Pioneer* and 4. *Helen McGregor*, a new blue iris.

QUALITY BEFORE QUANTITY

■ The overall picture of American gardening will be considerably modified, in this first year of peace, by the absence of the Victory Garden movement—to which, in passing, let us pay a word of tribute. It was a more important factor than has been generally recognized in maintaining the health, and therefore the morale, of the nation through the lean years of the war. What effect this will have on home vegetable gardening remains to be seen, but certain it is that many who have learned, through necessity, the superior sweetness and succulence of well-grown garden produce will now, from choice, continue to raise at least some of their own supplies.

■ The gardener no longer feels obliged to grow the gamut of vegetables to fill the family's needs. He can, if he chooses, grow only one or a half-dozen kinds that offer a challenge or that appeal particularly to the family's palate. Whether he is the specialist or the general grower, his aim in 1946 will be quality before quantity—though actually both factors are found in the best modern varieties—and some novel or unusual kinds not found in the stores.

Among the staple species of every garden, beans and tomatoes would probably tie for first place, both being necessities of the table and of easy culture. It is exasperating to find the term "string" beans still in common use and there is now no reason why any but the modern stringless varieties should be raised. Of these, the most generally popular bush type is Tendergreen, and for 1946 a new longer-podded strain, Longgreen, is announced with commendation from the All-America Selections. Of the pole type, the old Kentucky Wonder, noted for its fine beany flavor but also for its twists and tendency to strings, is being replaced by the medal-winning Potomac with nearly pencil-like pods, very meaty, and stringless at all stages.

■ In tomatoes, Rutgers holds the field as leader of the main-crop varieties, except in areas where the soil has become infected with the germs of fusarium wilt. To defy this disease the U. S. Department of Agriculture has introduced Pan America, fully resistant and yielding fruits of very fair size and quality. A newcomer is Burpee Hybrid, promising the advantages usually associated with the phenomenon of hybrid vigor: high yield and uniformity.

The other indispensable of every vegetable garden is lettuce. Among the several new varieties of the heading

Gardeners now aim for quality
first in vegetables,
says Francis C. Coulter, and
lists some top varieties.

type that have been announced in recent years, Great Lakes seems to be finding most general acceptance where summer weather usually leads to tipburn or worse. Among the standard loose-leaf varieties, such as Grand Rapids, improvement in size, hardihood and texture is being effected by breeders. Slobolt is a new variety developed to

withstand hot, dry weather without going to seed. The little butter-head Bibb is not finding so many new admirers now, but those recent gardeners who tried Oak Leaf and Mignonette are loud in praise of these old non-commercial favorites.

Among good carrots—best pulled at the little ladyfinger stage—Nantes and the newly introduced Nancy are to be recommended for the home garden. There are also several distinctly dwarf types for the hotbed or greenhouse when it is desired to force the earliest carrots.

Peas and corn are the two vegetables that are enjoyed to the fullest only if the time between picking and boiling is limited to minutes so that the plant sugar shall not obviously be turning into starch. For mid-season, peas of the Thomas Laxton type continue in high popularity for eating fresh or frozen. Wilt-resistant kinds are available where necessary.

■ In sweet corn the old open-pollinated varieties have been nearly crowded out by the more vigorous and more prolific hybrids, but the little Golden Bantam, very flavorful, and the sweet Black Mexican (white at the eating stage), both of them slender eight-rowed ears, are still to be found in gardens where quantity is not a first condition. Recommendations for hybrids adapted to local conditions are available from seedsmen and state experiment stations.

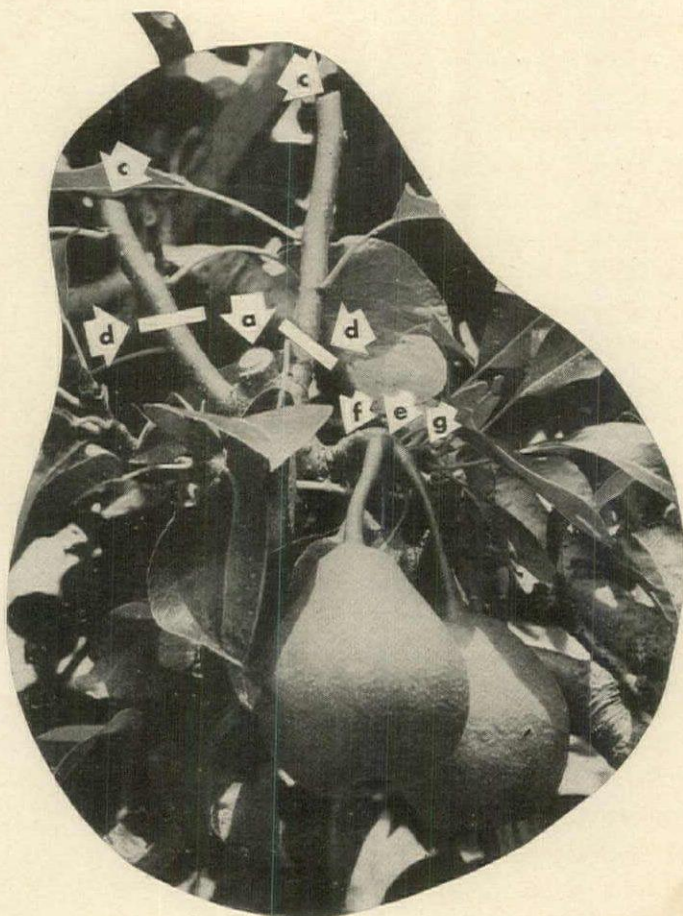
Among the summer squashes, all at their best when eaten very young, Early Prolific is the finest of the yellow type, but the new Black Cocozelle and Black Zucchini, usually sliced and fried rather than boiled, are to be commended. The little autumn baking squash, Table Queen, is finding a strong competitor for popularity in Butternut, which seems to be Yellow Cushaw with the crook taken out of its neck, excellent in texture and flavor.

Among perennial vegetables, Mary Washington is the outstanding asparagus, and Macdonald is one of the much-improved rhubarb varieties. As rhubarb and asparagus beds yield for years, special care should be given to their preparation and to the choice of varieties.

Their culture is an art, says P. J. McKenna

who explains in detail how the experts get

Fruits from espaliers



THE espaliered dwarf fruit tree long ago was designed to produce crops in a limited space without casting shade. This adaptation has given it a place in the compact modern garden where standard size trees are out of the question because of their spread. By growing espaliers the owner of a small property can have enough varieties to insure good cross pollination and fruit set. Moreover, their small size allows him to control diseases and insect pests with ordinary hand equipment.

Espaliered trees, besides being comparatively easy to maintain, have adaptations unknown to standard trees. The horizontal forms, depending on their heights and number of arms (or leaders), are used to edge walks and drives and to cover low or medium-height walls. The U-forms are adaptable to high walls, fences and sides of buildings. The fan is used for broad wall areas. Planted in rows, espaliers make hedges and screens. Very dwarf ones can be grown in tubs on terraces. Besides yielding fruit of good quality and quantity, espaliers offer ornamental value in their spring flowers, colored autumn foliage and architectural effects.

The culture of espaliers is an art based on the application of a principle of plant growth known as sap flow control. This guides the nurseryman's choice of understock (roots or rootstock) and the fruit tree's later



GOTTSCHO-SCHLEISNER

SIDE SHOOTS OF PEAR—SUMMER

- a. Stub of shoot pruned previous winter. b. Long summer growths summer-pruned (c) to three leaves.*
- d. Points for further cut-backs the coming winter.*
- e. Separate fruits here when harvesting to avoid damage to the spur (f) and to the fruit bud (g).*

training. He picks a dwarfing rootstock, that of a type with a small root system. This limits the size of the tree that is grafted on it, slows its growth and encourages early bearing.

To obtain dwarf apple trees for training as espaliers the nurseryman selects one of the Malling roots as an understock. These are roots collected in Europe and classified by the Malling Research Station in England. They are numbered from one to sixteen, and each gives a different degree of dwarfing. Numbers eight and nine, the most dwarfing, give the lowest espaliers. Numbers one and two, semi-dwarfing, result in taller trees. The other Malling stocks range in vigor from semi-dwarfing to those approaching standard size.

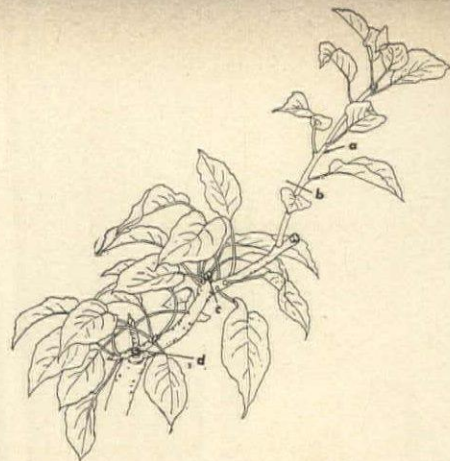
Pears for dwarfing are grafted on the Angiers Quince. The understock for dwarf peaches and nectarines are the almond or the St. Julien Plum, which is also used for plums and apricots. Cherries are grafted on the Mahaleb Cherry. When ordering dwarf trees it is safest to specify the understock, although reputable nurseries recognize and use the correct ones.

The forms into which espaliers are fashioned are determined by the natural growth habit of the kind of fruit tree, even of the particular variety. Training, like the effect of rootstock, further slows sap flow. In untrained vertical growth sap flows to the outermost buds, leaving the lower ones inactive. The bending involved in training an espalier slows up the sap flow and gives it better distribution. This forces all the buds into vigorous growth. The next step, pruning, is perhaps the most important cultural practice. It serves not only to encourage fruit production, but to maintain the espalier form.

Espaliers should be pruned twice a year. Winter pruning, which can be done anytime before growth begins in spring, forces heavy vegetative growth. Summer pruning, done 90 to 110 days after spring growth begins (about July fifteenth in the New York area), is timed to the peak of sap flow. This pruning encourages the trend to fruit bud or fruit spur formation by checking the sap at the lower buds.

Apples, pears, plums and cherries are spur-bearing fruits. A fruit spur is a short, stubby growth with one or more fruit buds. In apples and pears the fruit buds (whose plumpness distinguishes them from the leaf buds) during the growing season are set in a rosette of leaves, with usually a blossom for every leaf; in plums and cherries the leaf buds are intermixed with the blossom buds. These four types of fruit can be given similar pruning treatment, with slight variations based on differences in growth rate.

In mid-summer spur-bearing fruit trees should have their summer wood pruned out to encourage formation of fruit buds. These long growths, developed the current season, are pruned to three leaves (or eyes). Shoots that subsequently appear during the summer from remaining leaf buds are pinched back (cut back) to two leaves before the first of September. The following winter the three-leaved (Continued on page 89)



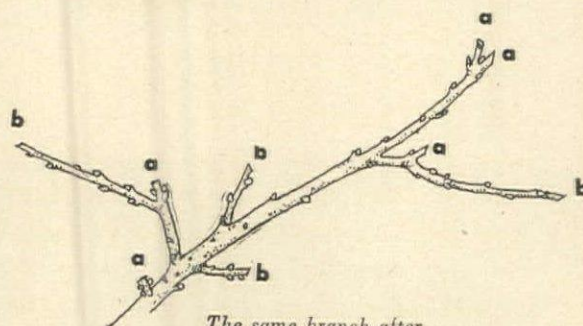
MAIN STEM OR LEADER OF PEAR—SUMMER

- a. Retain this shoot through summer. It is cut back (b) the following winter to one bud or eye.*
- c. Pruned stub of shoot which had borne fruit.*
- d. Fruit buds stimulated by removal of the shoot.*

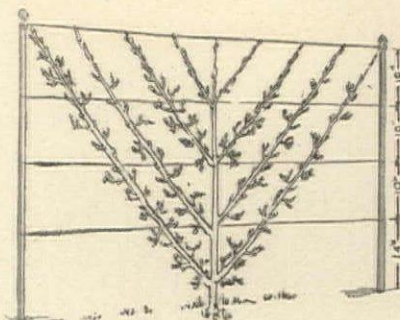


BRANCH OF PEACH WITH SUMMER GROWTHS

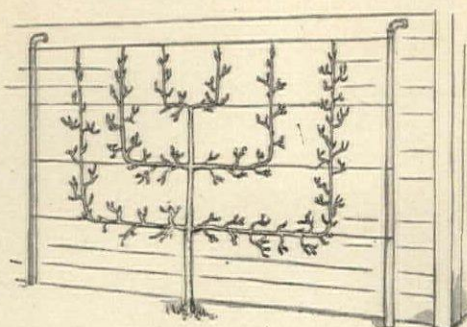
- a. Points to make cuts in winter to encourage replacements that will fruit the following year.*
- b. Cut here on current fruiting growths to reduce number of fruits but increase size of remaining ones.*



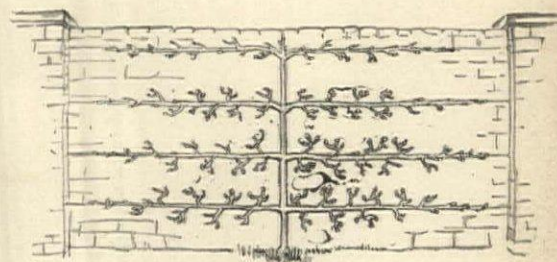
The same branch after winter pruning.



FAN ESPALIER



U-SHAPE



HORIZONTAL

Town house on a St. Louis square

PLANNED FOR MUSIC, FOR RESEARCH, FOR AVOCATIONS, FOR HOSPITALITY



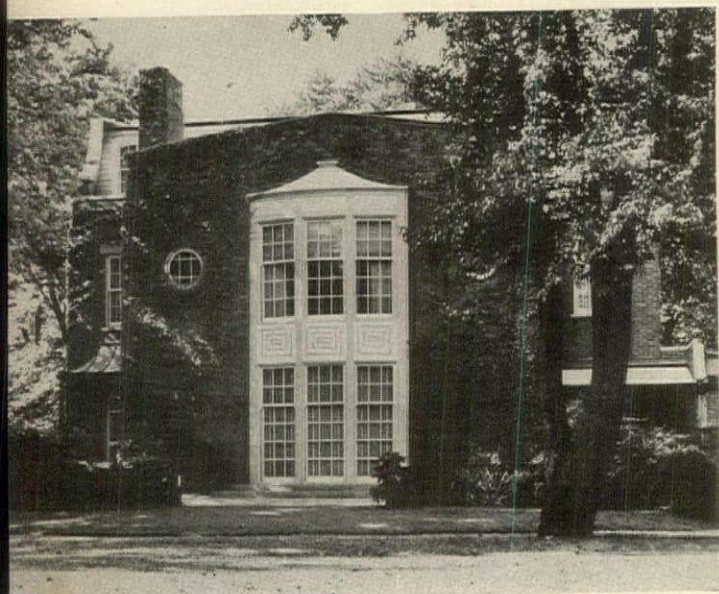
Severe as an etching, the classic black and white hall with its soaring staircase is illuminated by a skylight. Below, a two-story bay dominates the garden façade.

■ Secluded in a tree-lined private square, yet near the center of St. Louis, this house was designed by and for its owners. Dr. Arthur Proetz, a prominent doctor, amateur musician and photographer, and his late wife, nationally known in the advertising field, active in civic affairs and a famous hostess, planned their house to fit every function of their busy lives and to permit the entertaining at which they both excelled. Their architect was an old friend, Ralph Hall of St. Louis, the interiors and furniture were designed by Dr. Proetz' brother, Victor Proetz, and his partner, Mrs. Joshua Cosden of New York.

The plan is unusual: at street level, entrance and a central stair hall rising to the roof, with library and large powder room at the sides, dining room across the back, kitchen, pantry and small greenhouse in the wing; on the second floor, a large living room, two bedrooms and dressing rooms plus a tiny study; on the third floor, a guest suite; and, in the basement, servants' quarters and a fully equipped laboratory and darkroom where Dr. Proetz does research and makes illustrations for his own medical textbooks. The entire house is completely air-conditioned for comfort in a climate of great extremes.

Since entertaining was a vital factor, both dining room and living room are large and graciously proportioned; both overlook the flagstone terrace and badminton court in the garden which runs the full depth of a city block and borders on the lawns and trees of Forest Park. And since Dr. Proetz is not only active in such civic affairs as the symphony concerts, but is also a talented organist and musician, the living room contains both a grand piano and the console for the organ whose loud-speakers are above the door and for which the circular hallway was planned to act as a resonator.

The decoration of the important rooms—elegant, somewhat severe—forms a perfect foil for large parties, is softened by the intimacy of the smaller rooms—the library and the study lined with photographs taken by Dr. Proetz on his many travels both here and abroad.





FOR MUSIC AND ENTERTAINING

Unusual in its placement, the large second floor living room runs across the garden side of the house and takes in its stride a grand piano and an organ console for evenings of music. Decorated in soft tans and beiges, its only color accent is the dull coral of the pillows on the curving couches which flank triple windows above the garden. A fireplace faces the tall cabinet.

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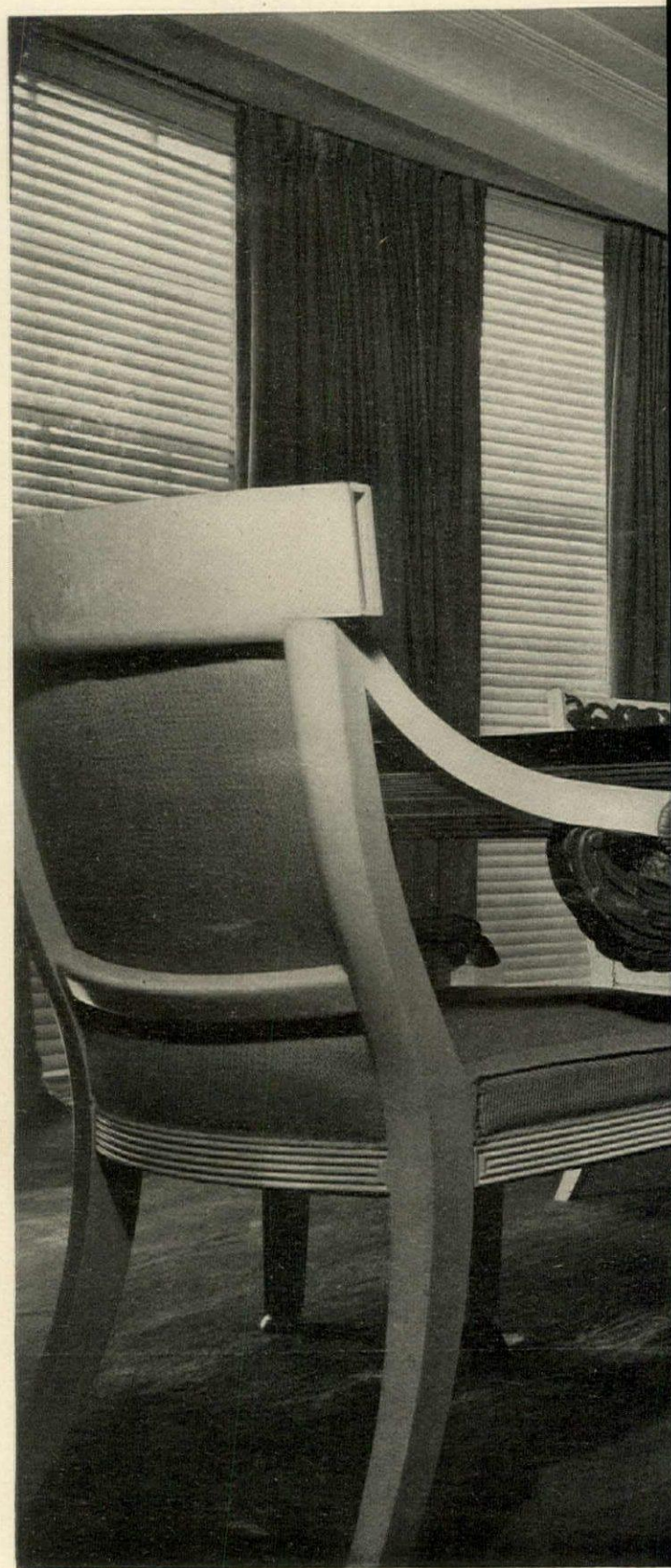


The mellow bindings of much-read books, housed on shelves lined with marbled book paper, give an air of intimacy to the library on the ground floor. Top, the double desk, set between the windows; below it, the fireplace grouping.

Essentially masculine with its massive Empire furniture, yellow and gray walls, red curtains, blue spread and gray rug, Dr. Proetz' bedroom has a strong Napoleonic flavor.



Town house continued



TOM LEONARD

FRAGILE GRAY AND YELLOW SCHEME.



SOLID COMFORT IN THE DINING ROOM

Overlooking the garden, the downstairs dining room has walls of gray broken by white columns, niches and a wide fireplace. The modified Empire chairs, built for comfort, are white with soft yellow upholstery, its hue echoed in the duvetyn curtains with a gray motif. Crystal lustres flank an old family portrait.

"Are you with it?"

MANHATTAN'S LATEST CATCH PHRASE MEANS "ARE YOU ON THE BEAM?"

"DO YOU KNOW THE SCORE?" IT IS ALSO THE TITLE OF A NEW

MUSICAL WHOSE BRIGHT COSTUMES AND SETS

SUGGEST THESE MERRY DECORATING IDEAS

A NEW musical, highhearted and glittering as a sequin, brightens up the season. Its sets by George Jenkins and costumes by Raoul Pene du Bois (see their sketches, right) are so daffily gay that they're an unexpected source of decorating ideas. To wit:

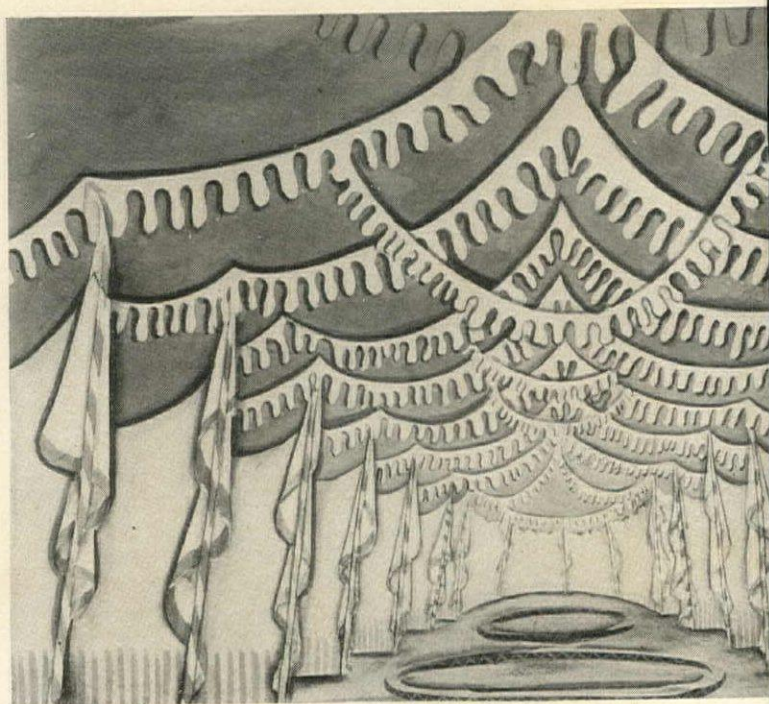
Choose the liveliest red, let it glow against white walls in fabrics and lampshades, then complement the red with a rug like a carpet of green lawn. Have circus-tent white curtains broadly striped with great slats of the same green. Throw pillows of the same stripe on a sleek satin sofa of African brown. Lime will give tart, sharp flavor to accessories.

Combine spun sugar pink walls with a tête-de-nègre rug and accents of melon red for a living room, or reversed like a negative, try tête-de-nègre walls and melon red leather upholstery in a library.

A carpet, blond as the straw hat opposite, would be striking with rind green walls and curtains striped green on white. Upholstery, in hot pinks and reds would add the proper dash.

Accents can bring carnival gaiety to any dull room, timid as a country mouse. For highlight, try chandelier shades as multicolored as clown's pompons. Drape swags of heavy white cotton rope like the animal trainer's aiguillettes over red curtains.

Go to gay sources for your decorating color schemes . . . the theater, paintings, a beautiful dress, and your rooms will say "you are with it!"



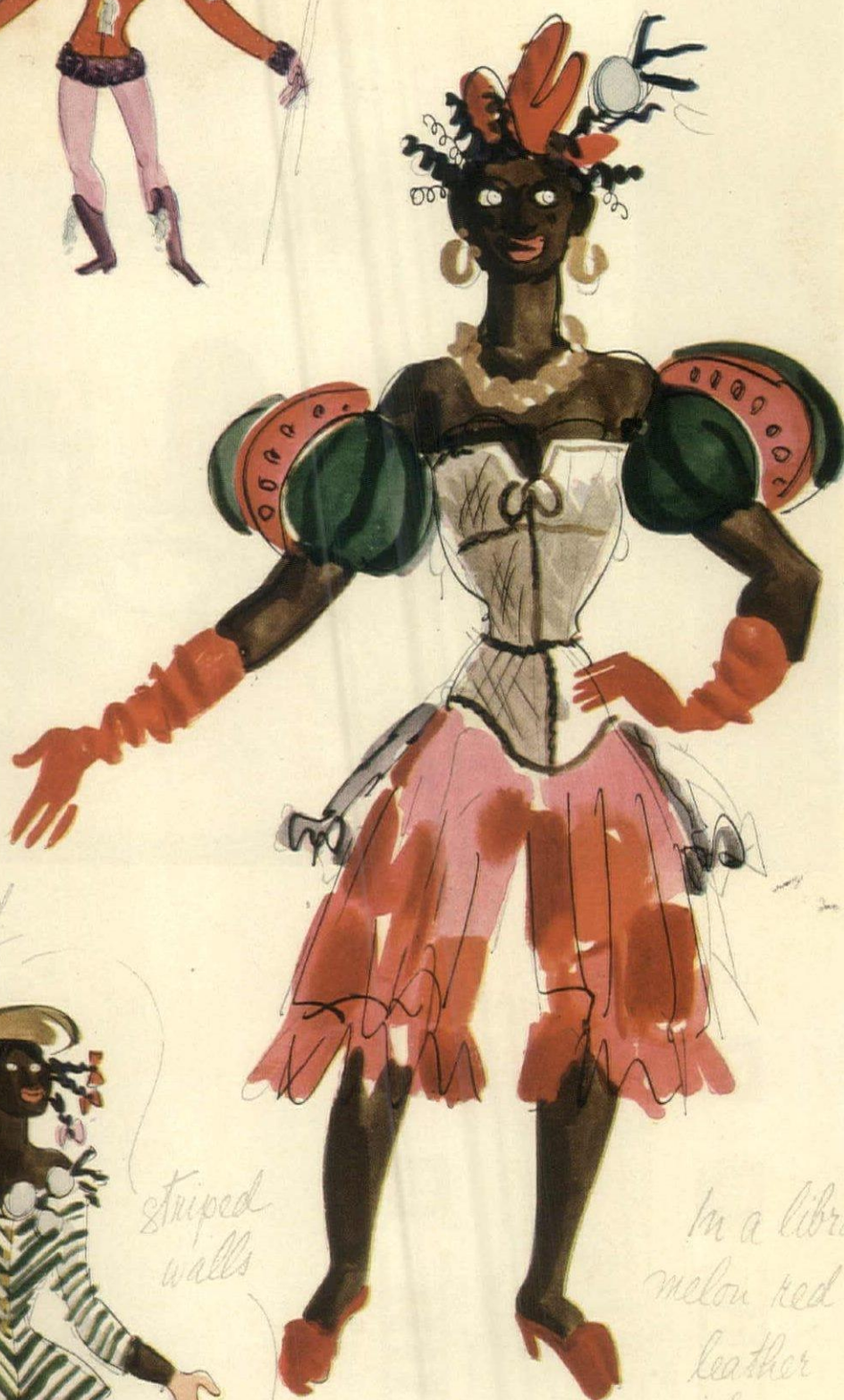
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for chandelier shades -
in foyer or dining room



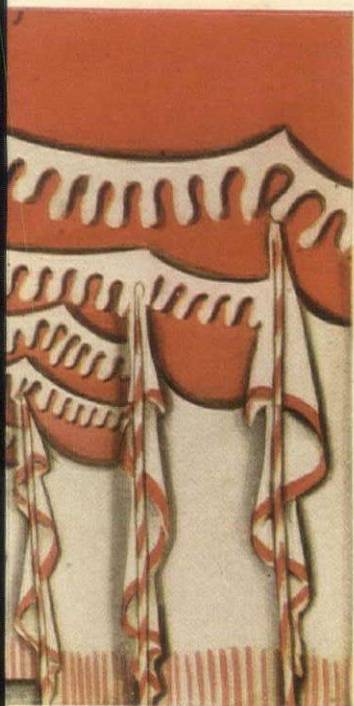
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In a living room
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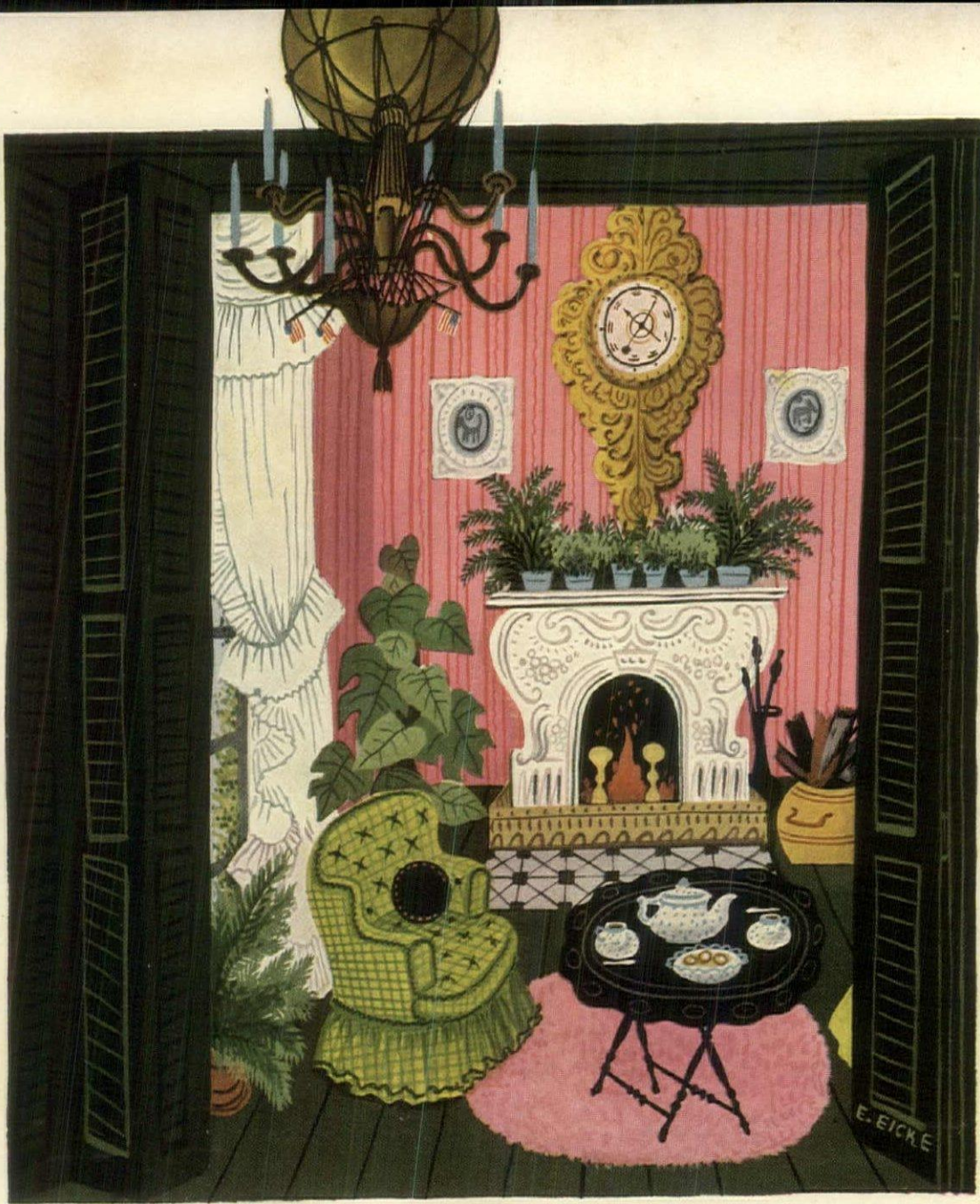


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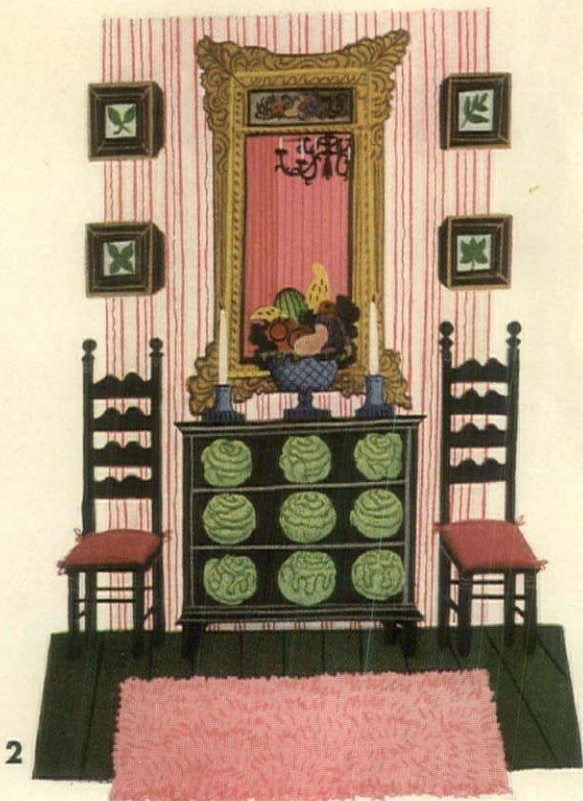


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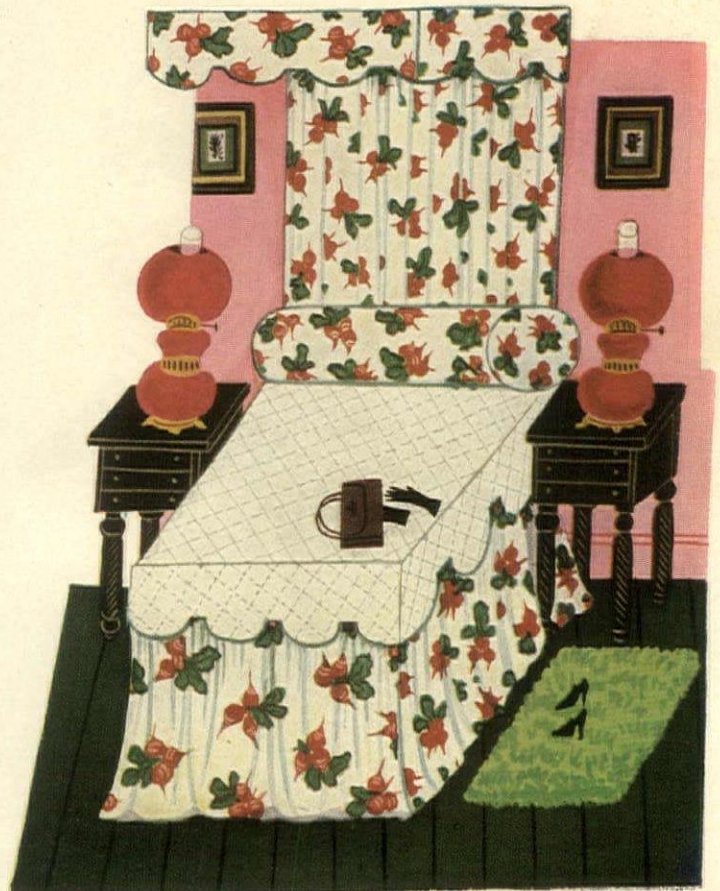
In a library -
melon red
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with
kind green rug,
tête-de-nègre walls



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Spendthrift on a budget

YOUNG DECORATING—COLOR CAN GIVE THE COUTURE LOOK TO A HOME-MADE FLAT

◀ in hot pink with melon red

One room in three acts:

- 1 *Divided into two—by shutter screens, floor to ceiling. Neat trick for the small brownstone flat where one room is living-bedroom.*
- 2 *The chest, mainstay of your storage, old and totally undistinguished until given a coat of black lacquer, a seed catalog découpage and a high waxing.*
- 3 *A bolster tailored to the nines, a dust ruffle to match your ceiling canopy—all disguise the box spring-on-legs successfully.*

■ Budgeting is half fun and half frustration. There is no escaping the fact that the beautiful antique four poster costs five hundred dollars, and that to mirror a whole wall is frantically financial. But there is one shining gem in the budget box, that rises easily, airily above money, and that is color. A free element, born of a functioning retina and imagination. Red costs exactly the same as brown, and pale aqua, not a penny more than lime. If you're timid about color, copy from those who are sure and successful. (Reduce your favorite painting to its basic colors, you already have seen how well they go together. Watch the color combinations of the big couture houses.) Or, as we have in these pages, make a color raid on a top theatrical designer. Here are three bedrooms—not based on furniture, or architectural forms, but entirely on color—on costumes from the new musical, "Are you with it?"

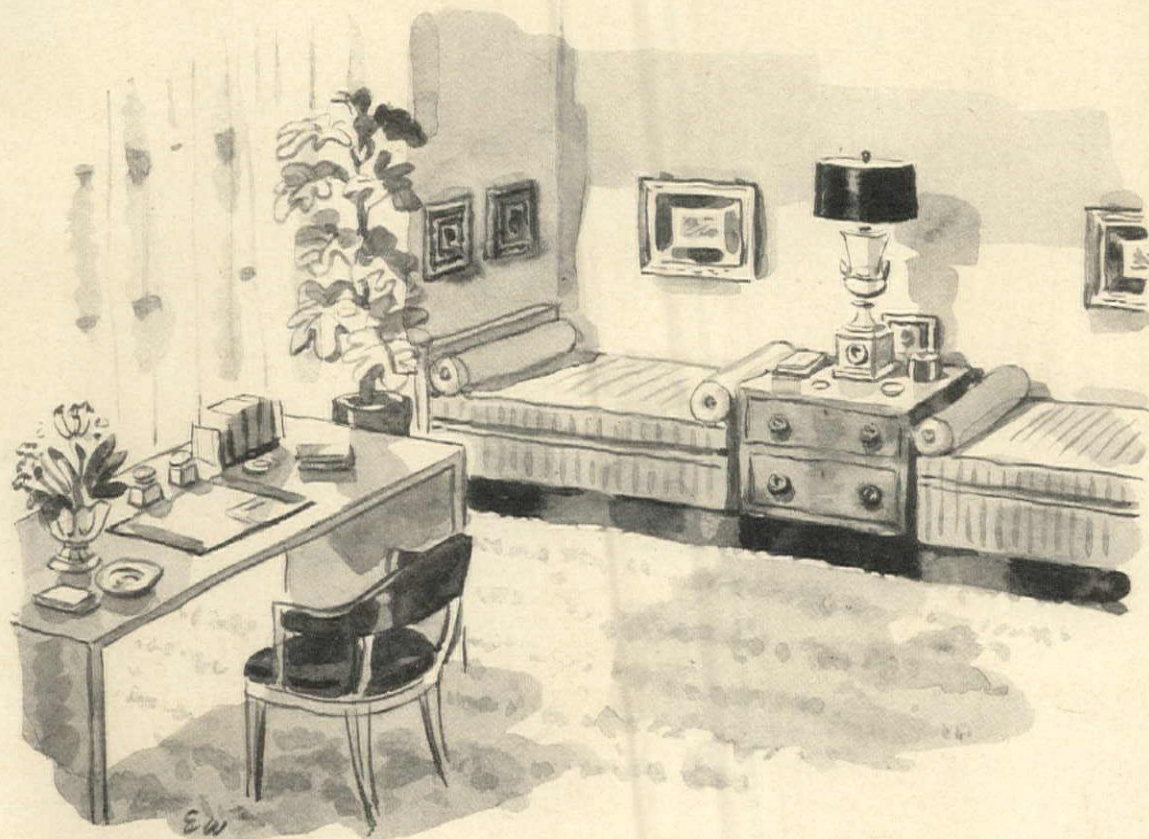
Basically there are three colors, hot pink, melon red, and rind green. Later you'll see them in the fashion world. They're exciting, but not fantastic. They are good in cramped quarters, which all colors are not. They give a couture look to a home-made flat. On the opposite page we show you how these colors give dignity and point to a frankly home-made room. How they help to establish the illusion of the now-I'm-a-bedroom, now-I'm-a-living-room problem, with the more matter-of-fact aid of the great folding wooden shutters that section off the sleeping quarters. The walls are played three ways, the mantel wall melon red and hot pink striped paper, the opposite wall, melon red on white, the bedroom wall, plain hot pink. Rind green floors, cool and articulate, are seasoned with small, shaggy, hot colored rugs, and any number of plants fall into the rind green category, (especially if you ever remember to water them, and wash their leaves occasionally). On the following pages we carry these colors further, but here are a few tricks we recommend for the small brownstone one-room flat. Box springs with extra high legs take away the studio couch look. A white mattress pad, seamed, scalloped and bound by you, looks made to order over a melon red and white dust ruffle and head draperies. Add prestige and price to simple botany prints with huge white mats. Remember the time-tested good fakery of the luggage rack, plus big tray. Including the bleak nakedness of the three days they are at the laundry, washable white curtains are an unfailing delight at a dark or sunny window. For mirrors, old picture frames are plentiful; so are the looking glasses from old bureaus. Something good over the fireplace is a gilt-edged investment. It may be something from home, or a thoughtful buy in the flea market, or a good reproduction. Our selection was a huge gilt barometer to lend elegance here and go on imposingly to larger quarters in the future.

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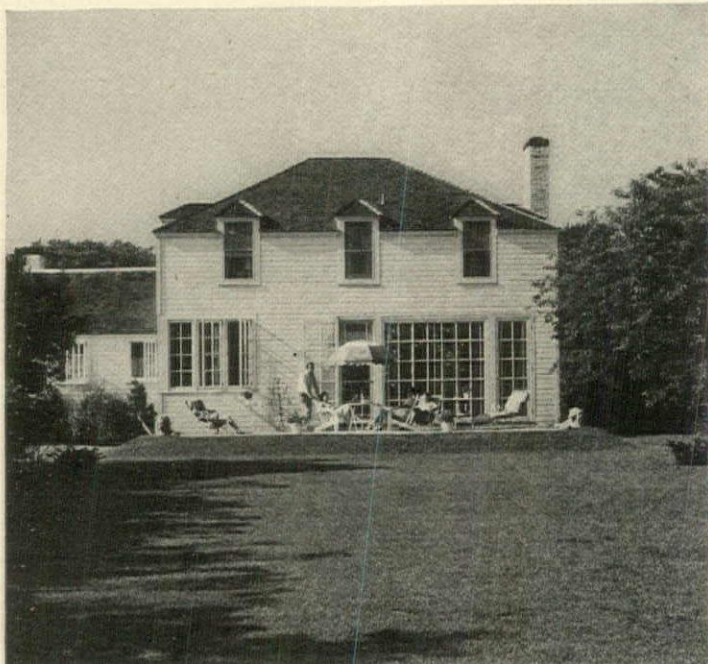
COLOR EXALTS THE DUAL ROOM

Nice, luxurious space is achieved by pushing the two beds (box springs and mattress again) against the rind green walls, to create a long, broken banquette, covered in melon red and white material. A black lacquered chest acts as light-giver and end table, and, to mellow the room, we chose a light waxed wood desk, ingenuous white curtains, a taupe green carpet. And here you might try your hand with supplementary colors for lampshade and picture mats, say, cerulean blue patent leather paper, or lime or yellow or whatever takes you.



◀ BLAND WHITE, HIGHLY SEASONED WITH COLOR

Hot color is splashed and tumbled against cool white, all over the walls and ceilings of the bedroom on the left. Hot pink flowers and rind green leaves, needled with melon red accessories. Again the bed is built-up box springs, this time with a tufted white cotton taffeta headboard, swagged spread and dust ruffle. So is the dressing table, whose basic spaciousness could be accounted for by a carpenter, or could be an old knee-hole desk. The bedside table, handsome, formal, is really a new Bendix Radio (see details on p. 72). The chair and dressing table stool pick up the hot and cold colors and the carpet retaliates with a light airy greenness. The whole is distinguished, snug, feminine and without whimsy.



The Cogswells' white clapboard house.

A two season country house

■ Mr. and Mrs. William F. Cogswell's cottage in Southampton has the easy informality of an evening in white dinner jacket. Although it started life as a garage on the Cogswells' property, it belies its humble origin. Clever use of color and accessories has given it aristocratic self-confidence.

Decorator L. T. Luke Kelly, of the Empire Exchange, has stretched a very small space into a living area for a family with two young daughters. He has enlarged the living room by the use of floor-to-ceiling windows and effectively combined an emerald green carpet with pale oyster gray walls. The emerald accent is reiterated in the slipcovers and blended with pink and chartreuse against a gray background. Collector's pieces act as accessories in many cases—for example, the three antique mortars on the mantelpiece which are filled with leaves.

In the main bedroom imaginative sleight-of-hand has created a bed headboard out of an old armoire, lined with antique marbled paper—lamp bases from Meissen figurines. The dressing table is combined with a chest. The tiny guest room, patterned in fragile blue and white, uses space-thrifty French Provincial commodes to create elbow room within its confines. The Cogswells, by dint of skillful planning, have given their house a sophistication that denies its summer-only use.



Headboard made of an old armoire.



French Provincial dressing table.



Gaily patterned upstairs guest room.



Walnut chest with handsome china.



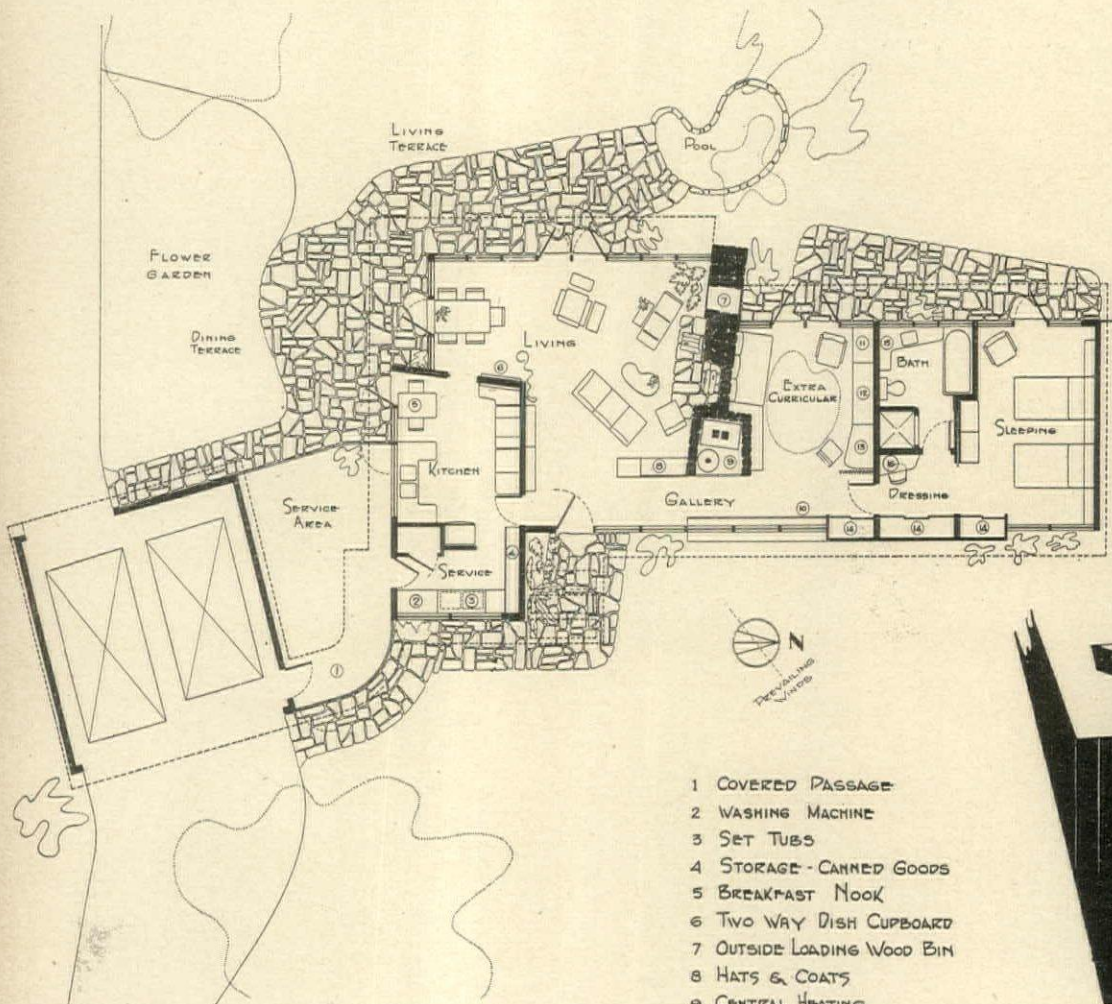
A collection of pewter and antique bric-à-brac blends informally in the living room.



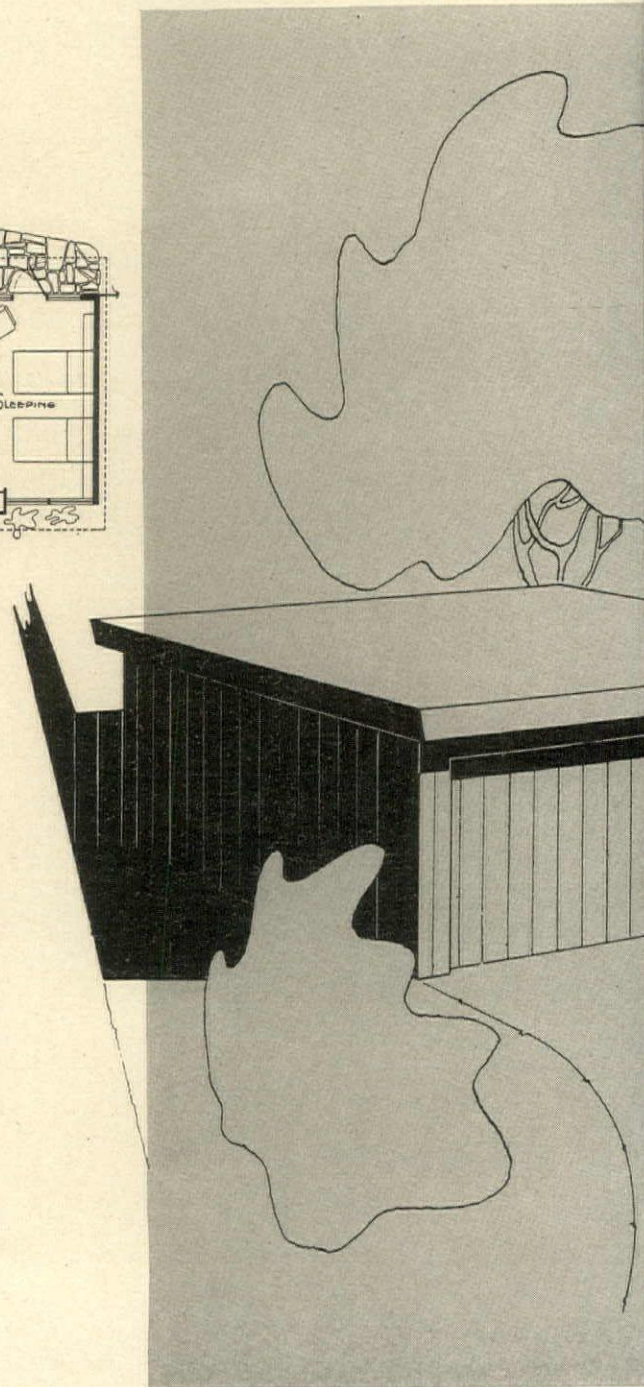
This article is the sixth in a series presenting the prize winning designs in HOUSE & GARDEN'S "Blueprints for Tomorrow" contest.

Awards in architecture

RESIDENCE FOR MR. AND MRS. M. P. SMART IN ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA;

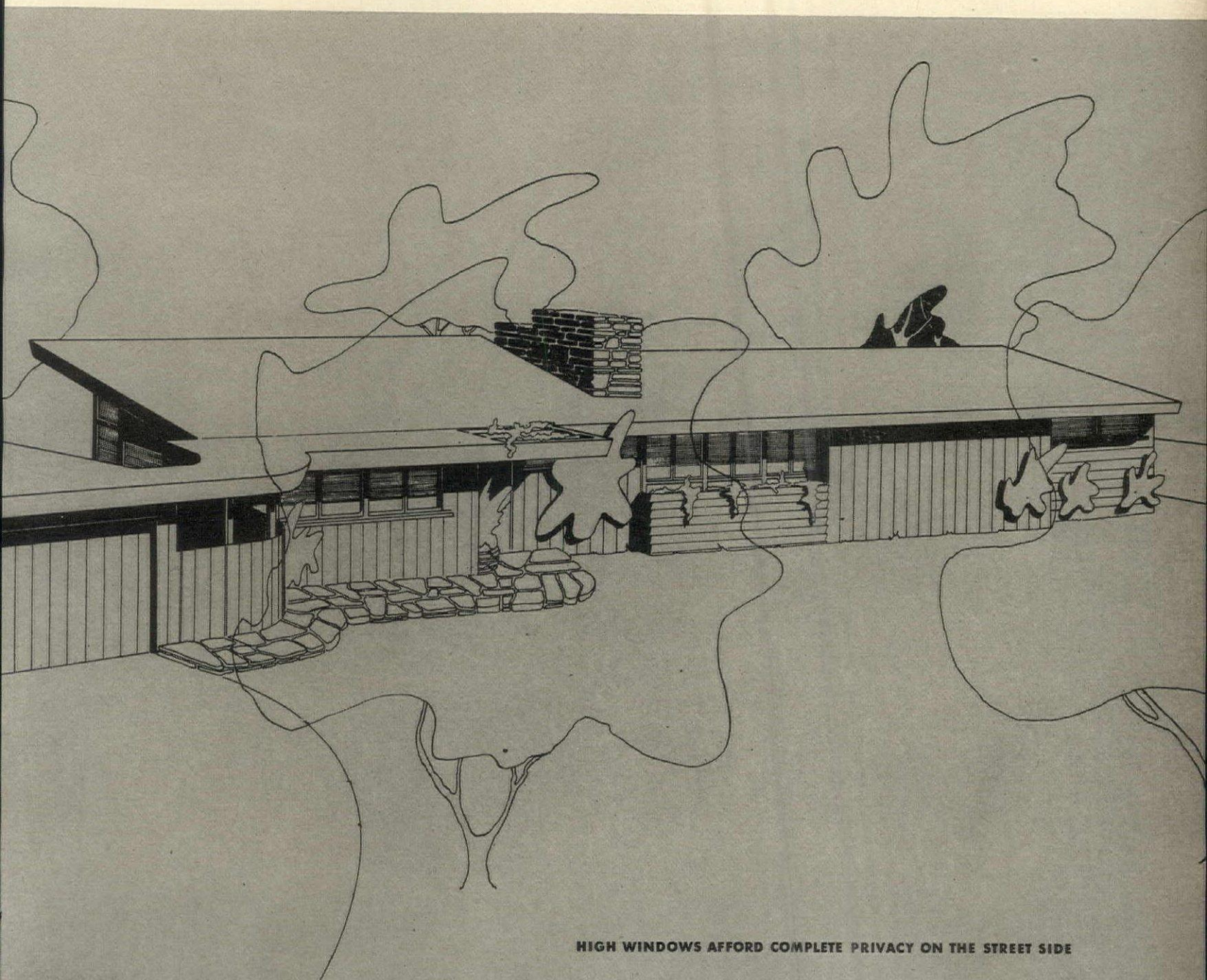


- 1 COVERED PASSAGE
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- 7 OUTSIDE LOADING WOOD BIN
- 8 HATS & COATS
- 9 CENTRAL HEATING
- 10 MISC. STORAGE
- 11 SEWING MACHINE
- 12 FOLDING SEWING TABLE
- 13 DESK
- 14 WARDROBES
- 15 PULLMAN BASIN
- 16 DRESSING TABLE



■ Here is a small house planned for two people who knew exactly what they wanted: (1) a pleasant country home that will be right to live in now and when they retire in a few years, and (2) a property which can be partly self-sufficient in the fruits and vegetables raised on the place. To accomplish both of these aims, they bought land in a small community near Los Angeles in a neighborhood of farms and orchards. The site for this house is flat and well-drained and offers no building problems. Since it will be extensively planted, the major design problem was to integrate this outdoor area with the indoors to give a feeling of openness in a small house. In order to provide privacy from the street for the gardens and terraces at the rear (see plot on page 58), the house runs (Continued on next page)

WILLIAM T. DREISS, DESIGNER



HIGH WINDOWS AFFORD COMPLETE PRIVACY ON THE STREET SIDE

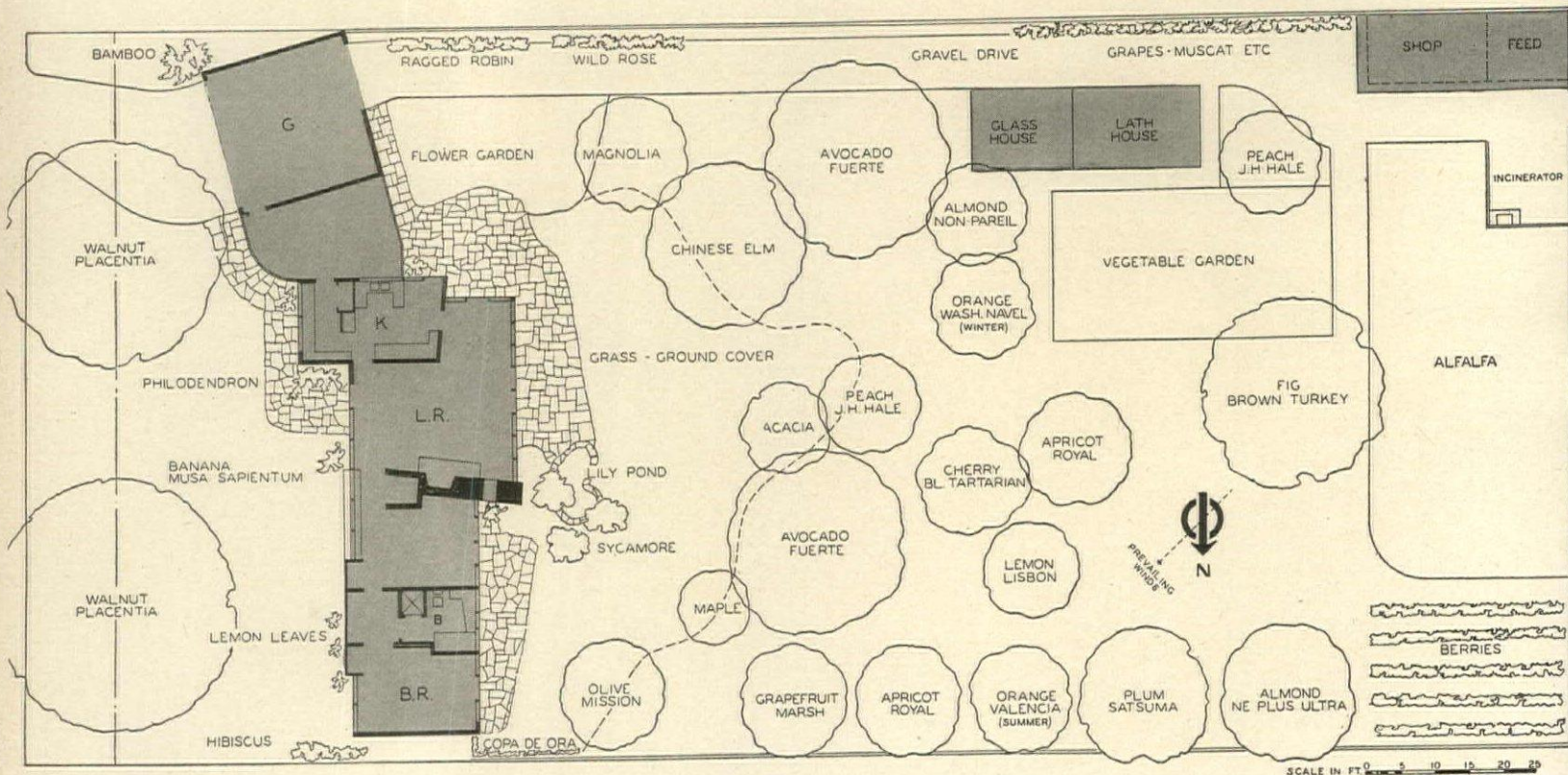


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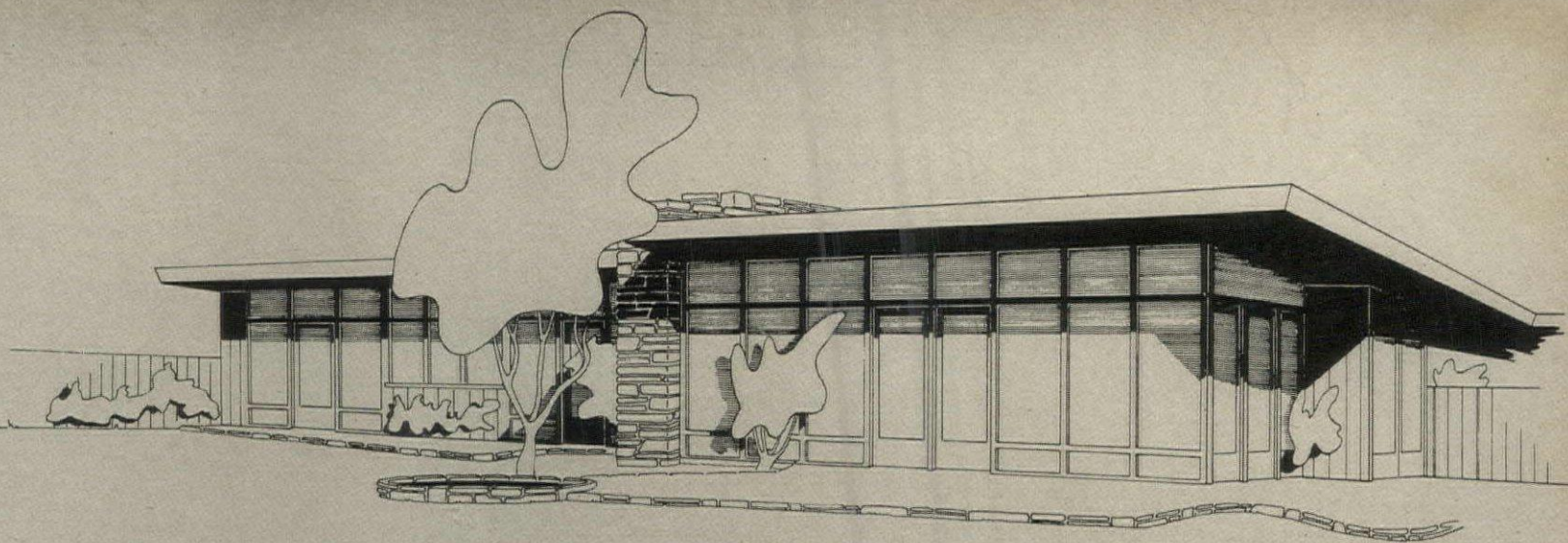
parallel to the street, across the entire width of the lot. Special considerations in interior planning were a compact kitchen that still provided for the preparation and canning of garden and orchard produce; plenty of accessible storage space; and room for the occasional guest. See the floor plan on page 56.

The house is set on a waterproof concrete slab with no change in level between floor and terraces. Indirect illumination is provided in the living room area by lights set flush in the overhang outside the windows. As there is no reflection of these lights on the glass within the living room, the view across the illuminated terrace is preserved, even after dark.

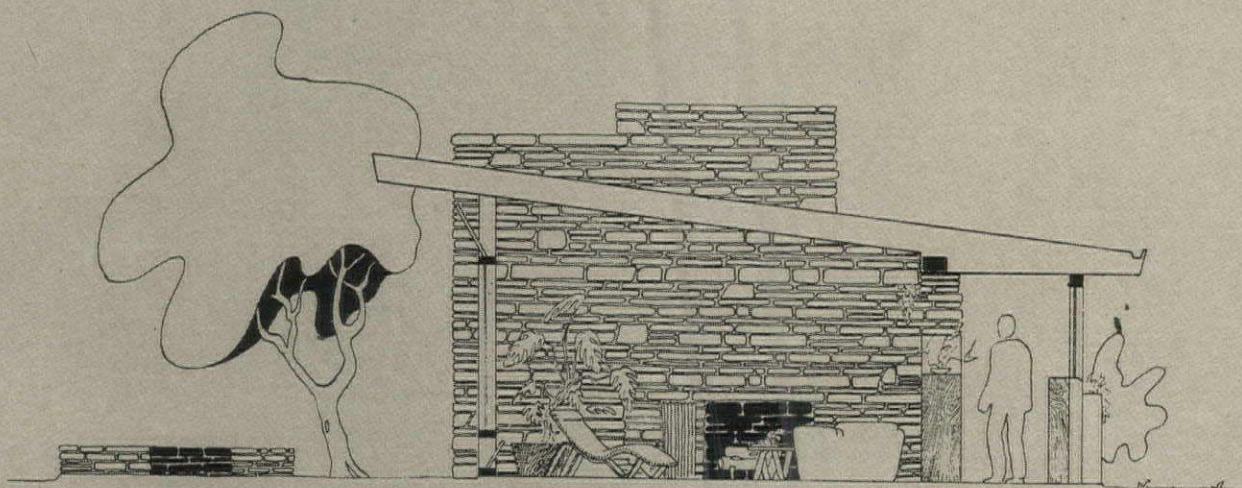
Construction is of wood throughout. The glass wall, at the rear of the house, is made of 4 x 4 posts, grooved to take the glass directly. The ceiling over the gallery is dropped to provide room for air ducts from the forced warm air heating system. The exterior of the house is natural redwood siding with flagstone terraces.



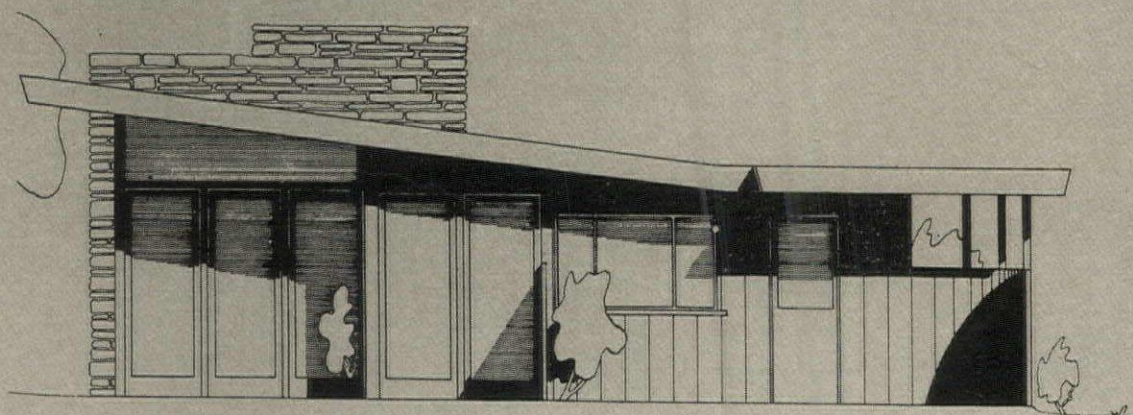
PLOT PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF HOUSE AND OUTBUILDINGS, AND PLANT MATERIAL USED. STREET IS AT LEFT.



HOUSE OPENS UP EXTENSIVELY ON THE GARDEN SIDE FACING WEST. GARAGE, NOT SHOWN, IS AT RIGHT.



SECTIONAL VIEW THROUGH LIVING ROOM SHOWING STONE CHIMNEY WALL.



SOUTH ELEVATION; LIVING ROOM AT LEFT, KITCHEN IN CENTER, SERVICE ENTRANCE AT RIGHT.

POULTRY PENS



DRAWINGS BY MARTIN

PULL UP TABLE, LOW AND ROUND

This one belongs to the Palm Springs-Miami circuit, later you'll see it move north with the sun. It's light enough to lift easily into shine or shade, big enough to hold whatever you need in the way of ashtrays, drinks, refreshment. The top, glass; the skirt of many-hued raffia tassels. With it, Macy shows low-slung purple chairs, aqua-cushioned.



PULL UP TABLE, LOW AND CURVING

This one's an inside story, perfect prop for buffet entertaining anytime after noon. Use it as here with a banquette on one side, stools on the other. And copy the color scheme: sanded oak table, white seats, magenta cushions, sharp black-and-white floor, whimsical gilt wire eggstand. Décor on both pages by Helen Needham of Macy's, New York.

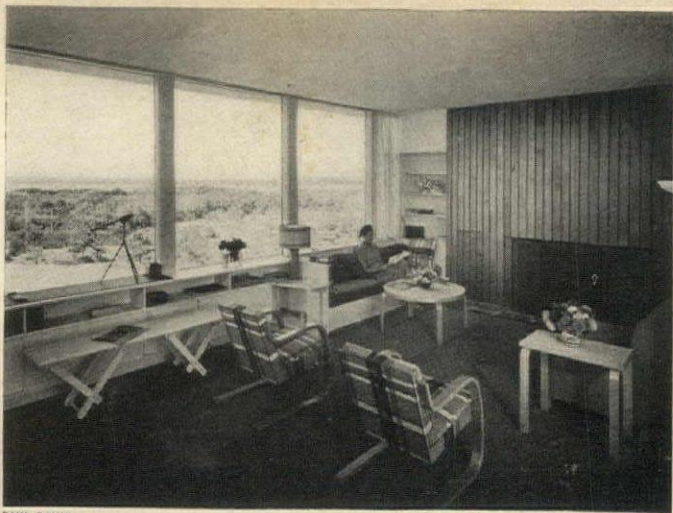
More living room

■ New materials, new techniques of using old materials have always been the forerunners of fresh vital design—as surely in building a house as in cutting a dress. They change the pattern—and the way it fits you. They change the look—and the way you want it to look. For example, when glass manufacturers first began to make large sheets of glass, architects soon began to design whole walls of this glass in place of solid wood or stone. And the clients, as well as their friends who came to visit, found that they liked the feeling of air and space the broader windows gave. Again, the development of double-glazing, of more effective heating and ventilating equipment meant that these lighter, airier houses need be no respecter of climate; you could have them in the northland if you wished. Such trends in house design sum up—first and most accurately—in the room which concerns each of the family most: the living room. To wit, the seven we show here and opposite.

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ONE WALL IS USUALLY GLASS IN A CONTEMPORARY LIVING ROOM, to let in the light, sun, air, the whole outdoors. And this "lookout wall" affords a focal point for the whole living room. Here, in a house designed by Gardner A. Dailey, California architect, a spectacular view of San Francisco Bay was an additional incentive.



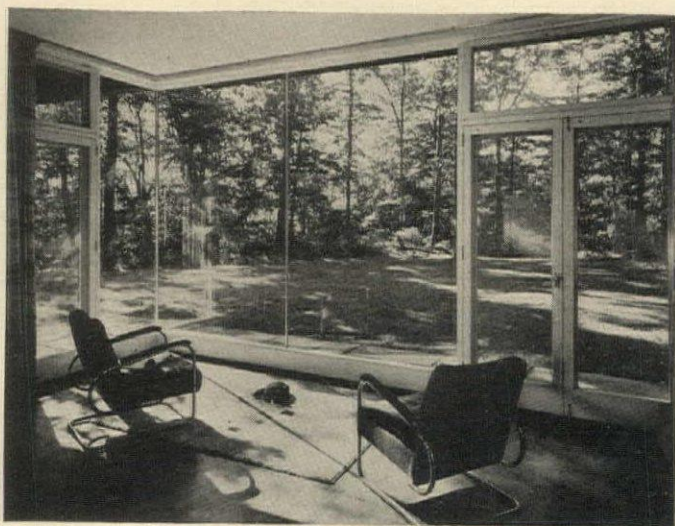
PAUL DAVIS

THE ROOM CAN LOOK BIG EVEN WHEN IT ISN'T. Contributing to a feeling of openness beyond the actual dimensions, the window wall, illustrated at the left in a house on Cape Cod by Carl Koch, lets the eye range far beyond the limits of the outside wall. An-



STURTEVANT

other reliable contributor to a free and spacious appearance is the open plan, which dispenses with a partition between closely related areas, such as the living and dining rooms illustrated at the right in a California house by architect W. W. Wurster.



STALLER

A QUIET SPACE, AN INTIMATE CORNER is a pleasant part of today's living rooms. It might be a part of the main room or an alcove off it, but it should be equipped with good light for reading; comfortable chairs for two or three people who want to talk; enjoy



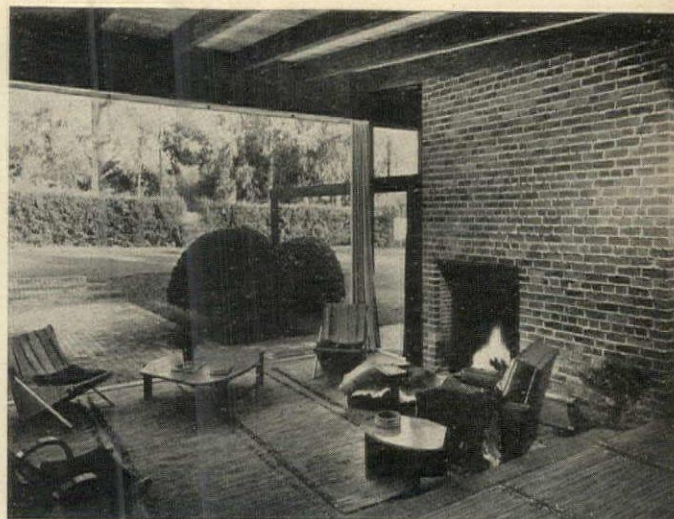
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music, or a fireplace, or a view. Such planned seclusion may be directed out-of-doors as in the Connecticut house, at left, designed by Pomerance & Breines; or, it may be a fireplace alcove like the one in this Massachusetts house by Walter F. Bogner.



DAMORA

CLIMATE IS NOT AN IMPORTANT FACTOR. Hot or cold, the impression of continuity with the out-of-doors is an effect desired by many in both climates. The room above, designed by Paul Doering in a New York house, and above right by R. J. Neutra for California



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have this common denominator. Fixed sash, often integrally double glazed, makes such windows feasible even in regions with low temperatures. In more temperate climates sliding glass walls make it possible to enjoy almost complete openness.

Two houses by one architect



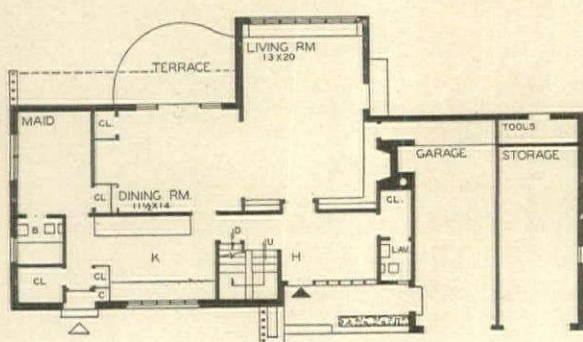
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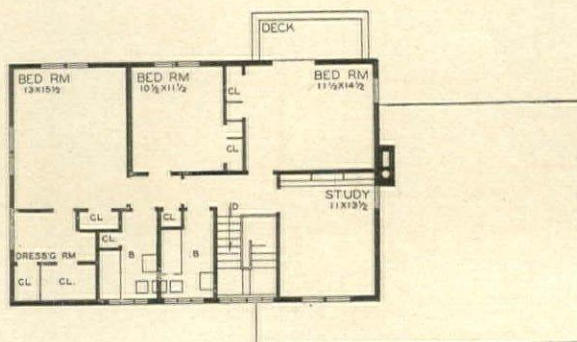
The entrance. Rear view is shown above

HOUSE FOR PROF. DONALD P. SMITH, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The two houses on these pages are the work of one architect, Rudolf Mock. Working with relatively inexpensive available materials, Mr. Mock has succeeded in solving two quite unusual problems in the best tradition of simple and clean-cut contemporary design. One of the interesting features of the Smith house is the division of space in what would appear to be a two-car garage to allow room for one car and devote the remainder of the space to readily accessible storage and to garden tools. One of the commonest complaints of the small house owner is that bulk storage space is usually inadequate. Another noteworthy feature, which was a requirement of the client, is the way the living room fireplace is located in a secluded part of the room remote from any windows.



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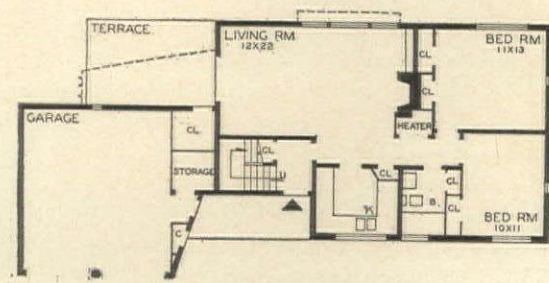


HOUSE FOR MRS. ALBERTA K. BAUER, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

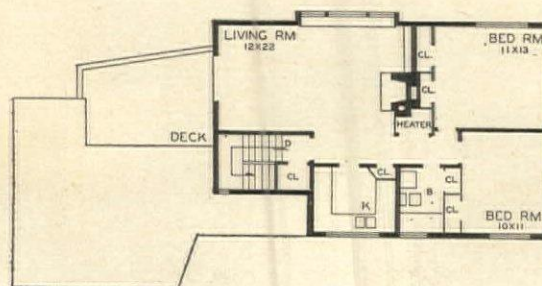
Also designed by Mr. Mock, the Bauer house, like the house on the preceding page, is a good example of the straightforward use of simple materials. The second floor is a replica of the first floor, complete with its own kitchen and heating unit. This feature, designed to meet certain family requirements, might well serve as a model for the reformation of the two-family house. By contrast with the usual design, which splits the house in the middle vertically, this house is divided horizontally and consequently is perfectly acceptable in a community of one-family houses. Also important are the obvious economies gained by superimposing all plumbing, heating and kitchen installations. The regional character of both houses derives from the use of familiar local materials.



Detail of terrace and upper deck



FIRST FLOOR



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Gardener's guide for January

FIRST WEEK

Bird residents come in for their share of harvest bounty—sunflower seeds, popcorn, apple parings, bits of lettuce, also a bird-seed mixture. They will welcome this varied menu most in a sunny dining spot that is well protected by evergreens.

A few sprigs of Drooping Leucothoe, Mountain Laurel or yew make a handsome lasting bouquet and good background for a few florist flowers.

Woody plants—deciduous ones only—can be safely moved even now, to save precious spring days for other things. Use thawed soil as filler around the roots and mulch the ground well when job is done.

SECOND WEEK

The postman is more welcome than ever under his load of seed catalogs. These mid-winter stimuli, besides filling us with a million ideas for spring, offer constructive help on plant culture.

Reminiscing on the past season helps in a choice of new things. The gardener who tried Butternut squash, purple cauliflower and the pure white cleome will put these on his list, in addition to 1946's several new petunias, bi-colored snapdragon, Slobolt lettuce.

The past harvest will need checking, both for re-ordering and for storage conditions.

THIRD WEEK

Garden notes are of particular use in winter when orders are being placed. But their value doesn't end here. They remind us of points we intended looking up and lacked time for until now.

Plant terms, in spite of past botany courses, can be easily forgotten or confused. You may recognize a catkin, but how about a cyme, follicle, knaur (there's one for you!), involucre or raceme? They are all useful terms to review in inclement weather.

The book shelf, adequate as it is in the vegetable line, may fall down on ornamentals. A careful look through the local library will suggest additions.

FOURTH WEEK

If forced bulbs aren't abloom, there's still time to pot up amaryllis, callas, Soleil d'Or Narcissi.

House plants are at a low ebb in dull weather. Don't give them too much water, and make it tepid when you do. Withhold fertilizer until they start into more active growth. Spray tops or sponge leaves.

The problem of watering indoor plants will be simplified if pots can be plunged in soil or peat moss to retain moisture. Lacking waterproof boxes, painted loaf-cake tins or shallow bowls will hold collections of three to five small pots.

FIFTH WEEK

Open country is inviting even when trees are leafless. In winter we are more keenly aware of the high spots—a cardinal in the hemlock tree, a snow etching made by swaying grasses, frost crystals in the stream or the perfection of a bud.

First bloom this month is likely that of Christmas Rose, poking through the snow. Next come the oriental witch-hazels, handsome against evergreens. Flowers of Fragrant Honeysuckle give early perfume.

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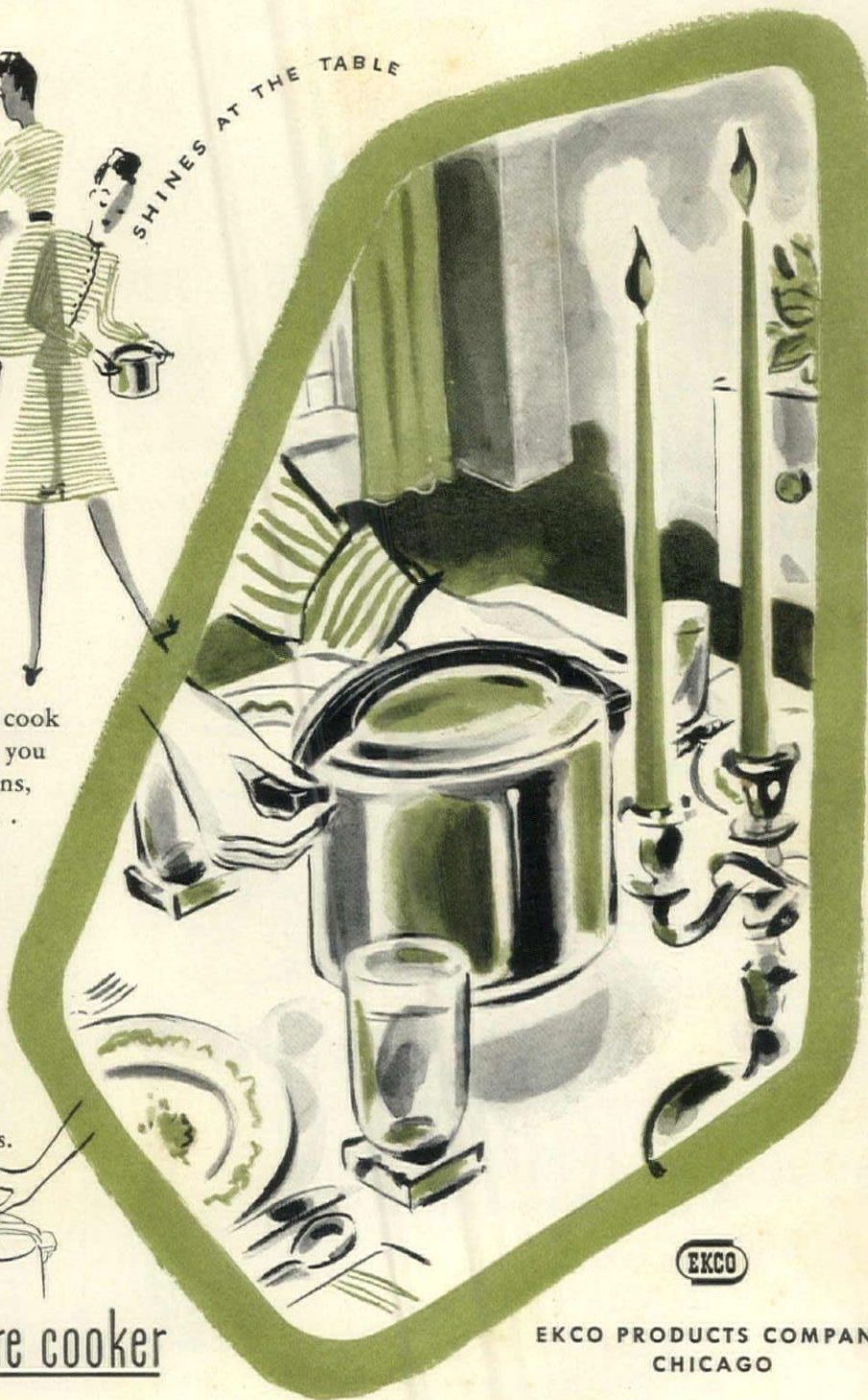
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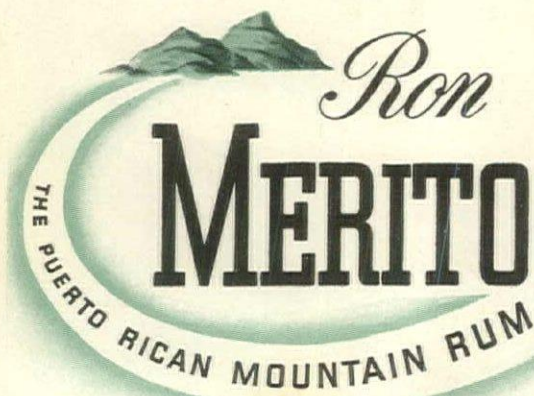
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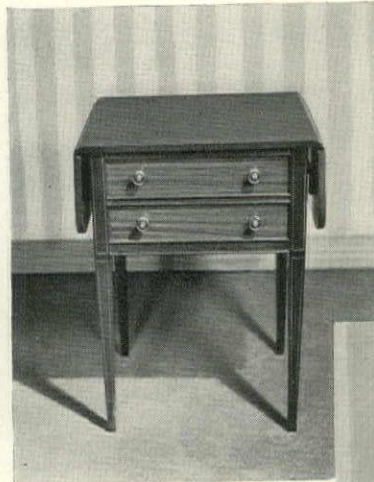


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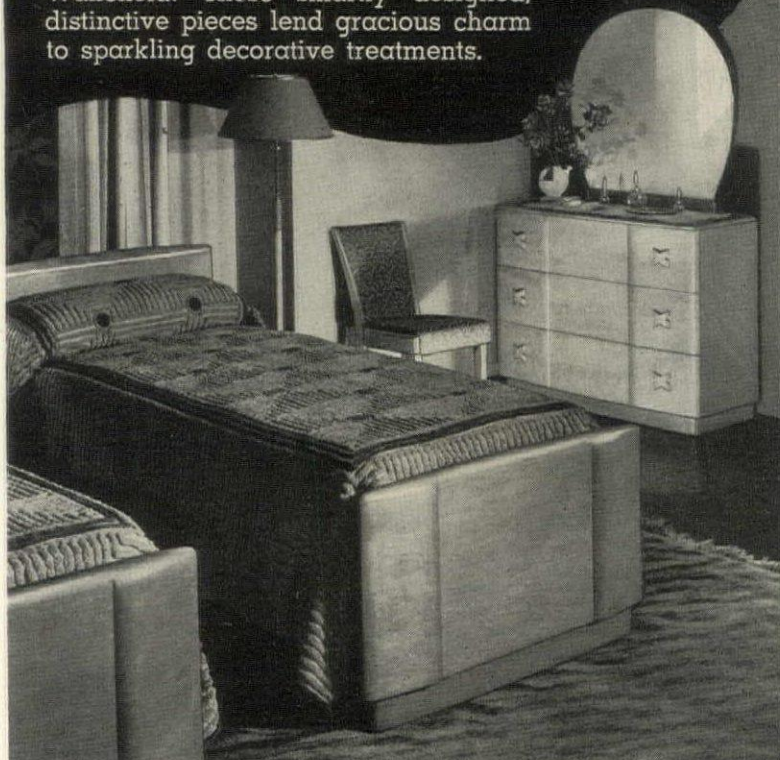
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Katherine Palmer Plumb, garden writer and former Editor of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven, sums up research that may tomorrow be everyday garden practice.

Good gardening has always been a science; but formal science has frequently ignored gardening. Not so today. Anything can happen with industrial and state laboratories driving full tilt to banish guess-work and discouragement from farming. DDT, aerosols, selective herbicide 2,4-D are only a hint of things to come. Good things are in the making. Some are still in the experimental stage. Others will soon be ready to serve alert gardeners.

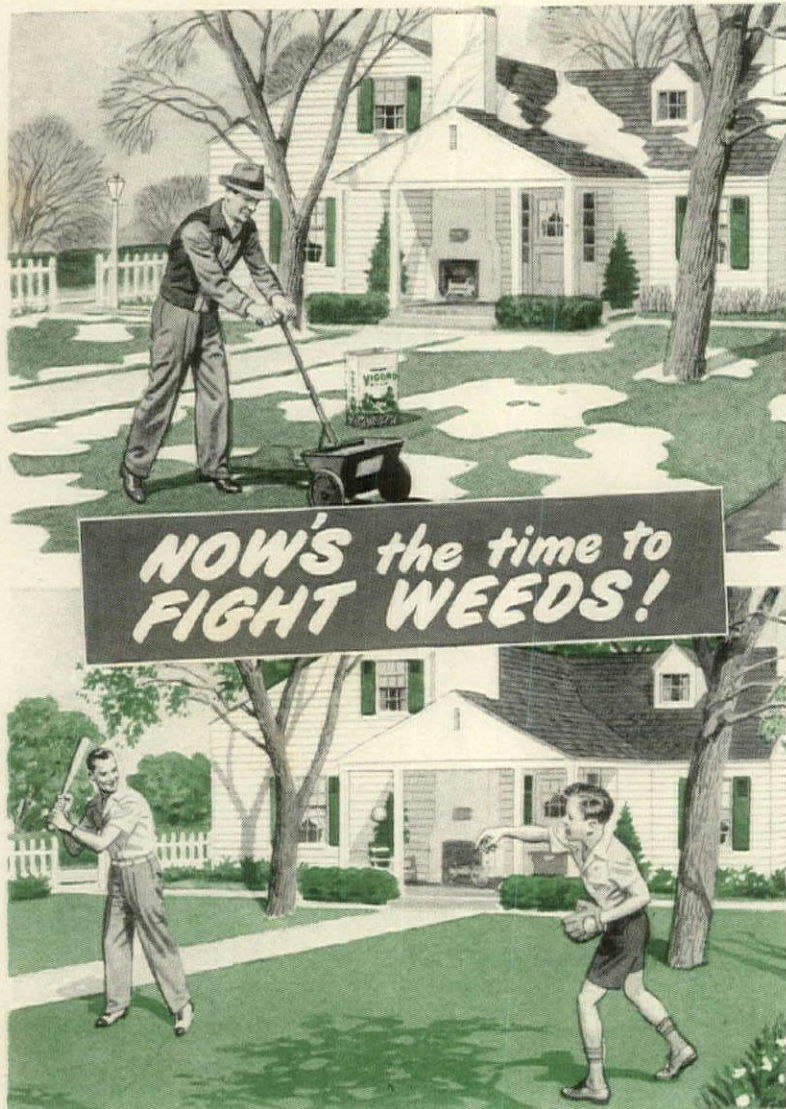
The French discovered 6-6-6, known as **Gammexane**. It is rumored to be runner up for honors with insecticide DDT. Searching for material to kill turnip fleabeetles in 1942, British scientists began to explore the possibilities of hexachloro cyclohexane. They found that high toxicity of the chemical was due chiefly to the gamma isomer—hence the name—and that this isomer was more deadly to weevils than anything tested. Report has it that Gammexane is a contact agent, stomach poison and fumigant. It appears to be five times as toxic as DDT; it is certain death to locusts, weevils, mosquitoes and house-flies, among other pests; it is stable when heated. Like the more difficult-to-obtain rotenone and pyrethrum, it is relatively harmless to man but kills fish.

Also in the rival class is **RHothane D 3**, related to DDT and with comparable qualities, but safer for warm blooded animals. Pure, or combined with Lethane to speed action, it will be available this year in dust and wettable powder forms in time to curb insects such as onion thrips, cabbage worms and leafhoppers, fleabeetles and Colorado potato beetles on potatoes. Manufacturer states it is "highly superior to standard old-line materials on a great many species of insects." Like DDT, it may be used in aerosols or bug bombs, and experiments along this line are in progress.

Great strides have been made in the past few months to make the **bug bomb** practical for outdoor use. Advantages are that a minute quantity of material is required to cover plants when dispensed in a mist-like form. Bug bombs would eliminate the necessity for carrying heavy quantities of water sprays about orchard, field or garden. They are relatively light, compact and easy to handle. Handicaps are the cost and the fact that all materials cannot be used as aerosols. Regulation of size of droplets to make residue possible is also a problem that can be overcome.

Hormone aerosols have been used successfully in greenhouse and orchard experiments. Insecticide aerosols have been found worthwhile in routing bean beetles in fields of eastern Maryland. In preliminary experiments Lyle D. Goodhue and Floyd F. Smith (U. S. Department of Agriculture) and L. P. Ditmars (Maryland Experiment Station) have found the method very useful in covering dense foliage and

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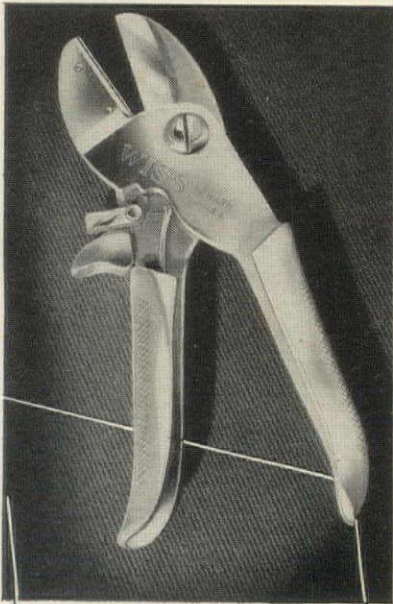
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for contact spraying. Most encouraging results were obtained with aster leafhoppers, eggplant lacebugs, onion thrips and potato aphids.

Sabadilla has held its own in far-flung tests in 1945 and appears to have made a place for itself as an insecticide, especially for plant bugs. According to Dr. T. C. Allen of Wisconsin, assets are that it is fast-acting and leaves no poisonous residue; it is non-injurious to plants and to beneficial insects such as bees and parasites. Many synthetic organic compounds lack these qualities. Sabadilla gives first-rate control of squash bugs, cabbage worms, potato leafhoppers on beans, red-legged grasshopper and the milkweed bug.

While 2,4-D type **weedicides** are now available under various trade names, there is much yet to be learned about this synthetic hormone, its effect on plants and soil, before it can be adopted for general garden use. Meanwhile researchers look for chemicals which, applied in autumn, will provide weed-free plots the following spring. Preliminary experiments at Rhode Island suggest that certain fertilizers have such properties. It is reported that ammonium thiocyanate and ammonium sulfamate used in seedbeds at the rate of two and one-half pounds to 1,000 square feet, destroyed many weed seeds including those of crabgrass. Treatments were made several weeks in advance of planting.

Another **double-dealing material** that looks to a future in gardening is D-D, a mixture of 1.3 dichloropropene and 1.2 dichloropropane. Used as a soil fumigant in pineapple fields of Hawaii, D-D destroyed weeds and so changed the soil pathogens that plants developed remarkable roots resulting in a fine crop. Entomologist Walter Carter states that D-D has certain advantages over chloropicrin, the second successful fumigant tried in his experiments. It is cheaper, easier to handle and gives results without a soil cover. D-D has been found toxic to root-knot nematodes, the rice weevil and soil inhabiting larvae.

Naphthenic dry cleaning fluids are also bad news to weeds. California and Idaho have tried oils to exterminate weeds for some time. Now Dr. R. D. Sweet of Cornell has used kerosene with a naphthenic base, certain dry cleaning fluids from the same crude oil, and paraffinic kerosene with aromatic solvent to eliminate hand weeding of carrot and turnip rows. One or two applications directly on the rows when weeds were two inches high and vegetables had at least two true leaves destroyed the ornery purslane, chickweed, pigweed, redroot and crab grass without injuring the crop. No applications should be made after carrots are the size of a pencil, or within six weeks of harvest.

Southerners, justly proud of their azalea plantings, are grateful to Plant Doctor Cynthia Westcott for finding materials that control **petal blight**. Striking at the height of the season, this fungous disease can ruin flowers in short order. For two years and in many

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gardens Dr. Westcott used two fungicides with good results. Dithane (disodium ethylene biodithiocarbamate) will soon be sold in a kit containing other ingredients necessary in making up the spray and full directions for use. Phygon (chemically, 2,3-dichloro-naphthoquinone-1,4) will be available in powder form ready to be mixed in water and applied according to instructions. Both chemicals gave "almost complete control with a minimum of unsightly residue and plant injury" writes Dr. Westcott. Approximately nine applications are necessary. Prompt recognition of the disease, timing of sprays and ability to follow the method exactly are top factors of success.

The uses of Dithane have been mentioned previously. **Phygon** also is extolled as a many-purpose fungicide. It is a powerful seed protectant and is said to control the various blights, as well as anthracnose and fruit rot, of tomatoes. It has also given excellent control of such diseases as downy mildew of grapes and beets; brown rot of cherries, plums and peaches and anthracnose of beans. On apples it acts to control and eradicate scab, eastern scourge in 1945, and is rated highest of materials tested in a recent U. S. Department of Agriculture program to check bitter rot in orchards of the Middle West. A slight flecking of the skin in no way injures the fruit.

Gather ye roses at 4:30 P. M. if you want them to last. Roses make sugar while the sun shines and sugar concentration increases longevity of the cut flowers. In experiments at Cornell University, roses cut at 4:30 outlasted morning-cut blooms from seven to twelve hours.

In case this holds for other plants, it might be an idea to pluck corn on sunny afternoons. At any rate ears harvested on dark days seem tasteless compared with those gathered in bright weather. Slow loss of sugar as well as sweetness itself are inherited traits in corn and U. S. Department of Agriculture breeders are working to hasten the day when ears will not have to be rushed from garden to pot to preserve flavor.

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Diseases such as brown rot, dollar spot and the more recent copper spot are a perennial plague to keepers of fine lawns. Testing new organic compounds for curbing these diseases, H. L. Keil of the Rhode Island Experiment Station has found that phenyl mercuri triethanol ammonium lactate, now dubbed **puraturf**, gave outstanding control in the past three years and was the only material tested that left no injury on Creeping Bent turf. In fact, (Continued on page 88)

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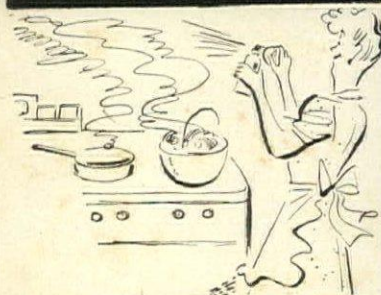
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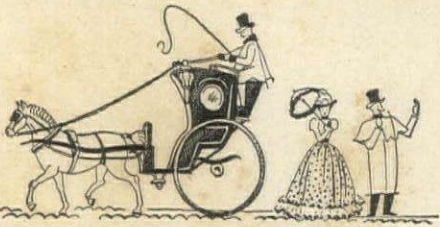
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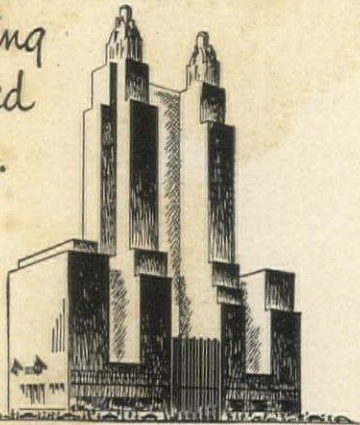
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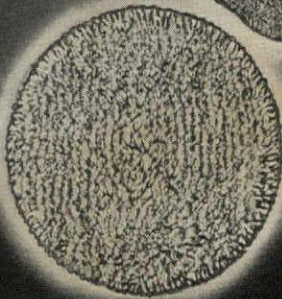
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ABOUT ten years ago when they were constructing the Mount Vernon Highway to the home of our first president, I had an opportunity to go over the project with Mr. Nye, the landscape architect. At one point just beyond an overhead bridge, Mr. Nye stopped his car, walked down across the field to examine a venerable Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*). It had a trunk diameter of thirty-two inches and a spread of branches of about thirty-two feet. This was a real patriarch.

Two weeks later I was speaking about some of the fine old trees that I had seen in different parts of the country to a group of friends in Marshfield, Massachusetts, and among others I described the Red Cedar that I had seen growing not far from the banks of the Potomac.

One of the men spoke up and said, "Well, we have a Red Cedar right here in Marshfield that is bigger than that. It is at least three feet in diameter."

The next day we drove over to the spot where the tree was. Sure enough, the tree was thirty-seven inches in diameter and was bigger in every way than the one in Virginia. Curiously enough, the tree was growing on the north side of the cemetery at the rear of the Congregational Church in Marshfield, the same one which Daniel Webster used to attend when he was home from Washington. There is little doubt that that tree was standing when the Pilgrims came to Plymouth which is only a short distance from Marshfield.

This only goes to show that many times we see something at a distant place that is extremely desirable when there are equally choice and sometimes better examples in our own back yard that we haven't recognized.

Several years ago I spent some time visiting the National Cathedral at Washington. Bishop Freeman took me through the Bishop's garden where I saw many fine horticultural specimens and then he conducted me to the College of Preachers and showed me the small intimate garden there. The tree that perhaps I remember more vividly than any other was the Irish Yew (*Taxus hibernica*) which was on the grounds of the National Cathedral and which had been presented by the Garden Clubs of America. This was a magnificent specimen.

It was only a few months later while driving along through the town of Osterville on Cape Cod I looked into a garden and saw an Irish Yew every bit as fine as the one in Washington. It was a noble tree and later I was told that it was originally growing at Nantucket. It was dug with great care, loaded onto a barge, and brought across the Vineyard Sound to Osterville where it was planted and where it had grown beautifully. I have seen this tree many times since and it is not necessary for me to travel 500 miles to see a fine Irish Yew when there is one within 60 miles of where I live.

There is also a Black Walnut nearly three feet in diameter only a little more than a quarter of a mile from the City Hall and within an even shorter distance is an American Elm with a circumference of nearly eleven feet. Few people who see these trees realize just how remarkable they are and the history that lies behind them.

In the adjoining town of Weymouth, Massachusetts, there is an extraordinarily fine Katsura tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*). This is on the grounds of a hospital at an intersection of two main streets where it is visible to all who pass by. My father planted the tree about fifty-five years ago and at all seasons of the year it is charming and expresses its own individuality.

Less than one hundred yards from the Katsura is one of the largest Japanese Umbrella Pines (*Sciadopitys verticillata*) that I have ever seen. Yet, when I was speaking to a group in that vicinity one time, few were aware of the significance of these two trees although they had passed them almost daily.

In the town of Norwell, Massachusetts, only a few hundred yards from the North River on which there were so many boat yards about a century ago, there is a White Oak (*Quercus alba*) that seems to be the grandfather of White Oaks. It is far from the road but deserves to be set apart, because this species of oak had a great economic significance in that town. For many decades the White Oak was used extensively in the construction of wooden sailing vessels.

In Hanover, Massachusetts, on King Street, there are several Buttonwood Trees (*Platanus occidentalis*). The largest of these were planted by Deacon King on his grounds. On the evening of the day in which he planted them, a messenger came down through the countryside announcing the news of the battle at Concord with the British. The trees are standing today for us to enjoy and admire long after the good Deacon passed on to his reward.

Are you familiar with the distinguished trees in your own community—trees of unusual size or beauty, of rare variety or species, of historical interest? It is a pity that such should go unnoticed by all but a few. Trees are valuable members of any community and it is only right that outstanding examples be not only recognized and preserved for succeeding generations but also appropriately marked so that they may be known for what they are.

One day I had to address a group of Rotarians in Quincy, Massachusetts. I called their attention to a number of distinguished trees in that city. There are a number of English Beeches (*Fagus sylvatica*) that were brought to this country by John Adams, second President of the United States. These trees came from England in a sailing vessel. They were planted more than one hundred years ago; today they are beautiful specimens.

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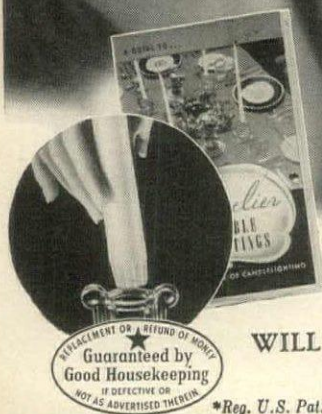
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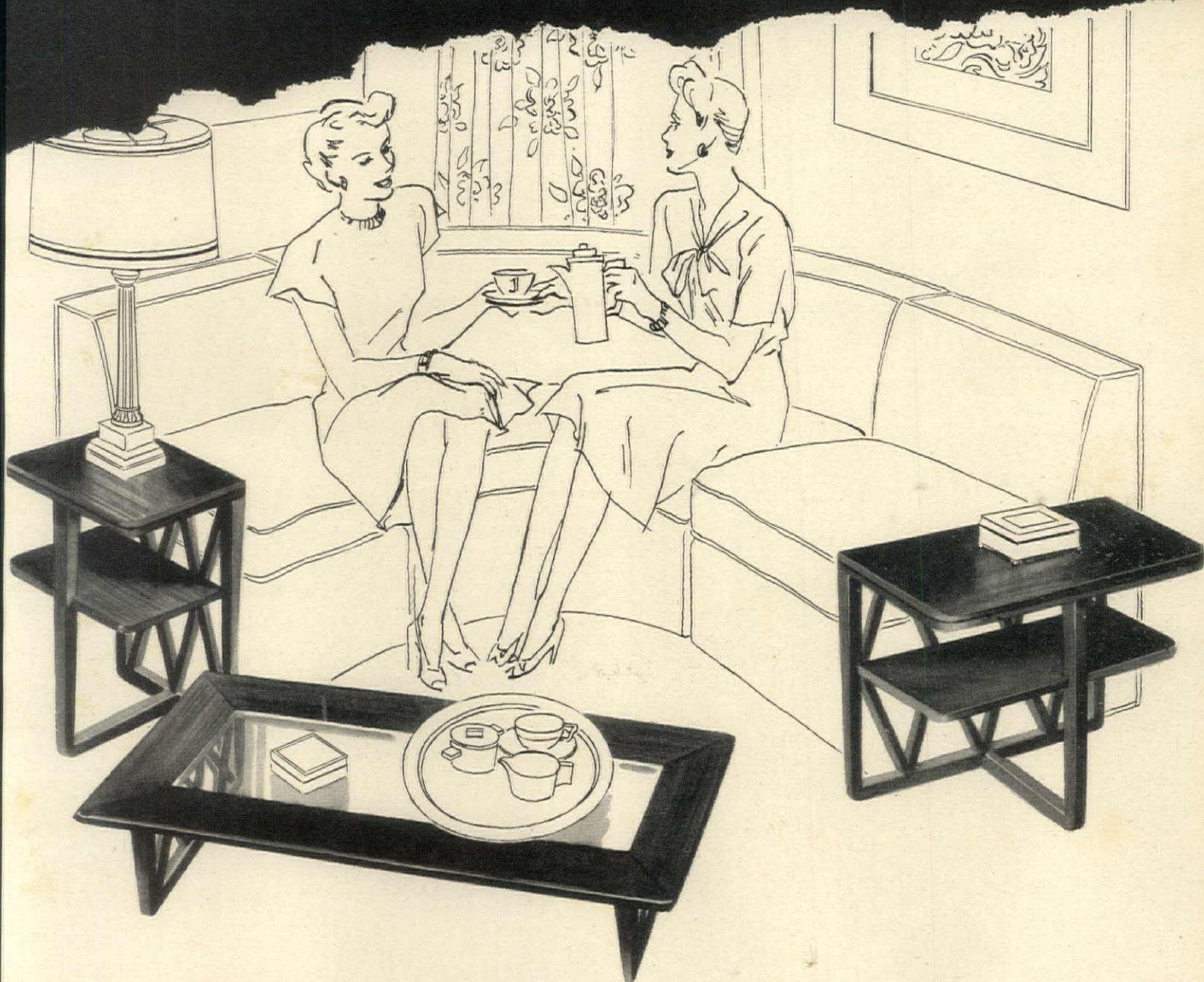
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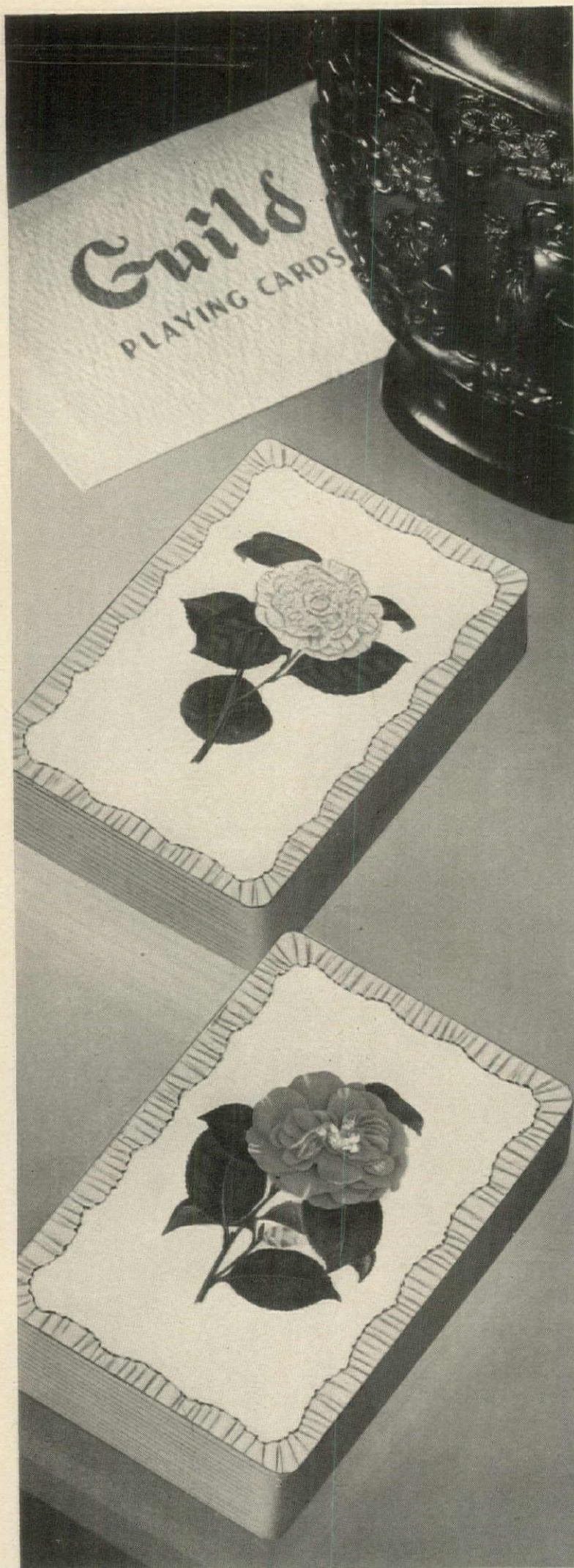
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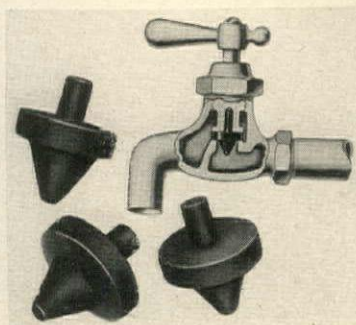
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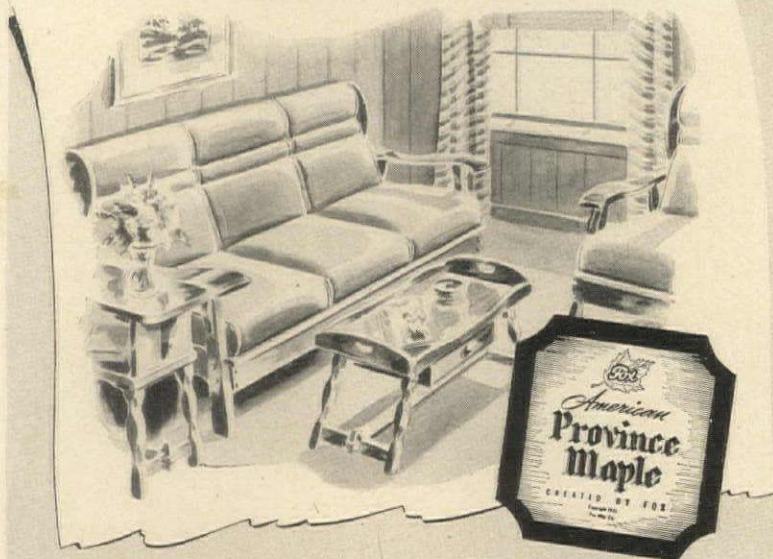
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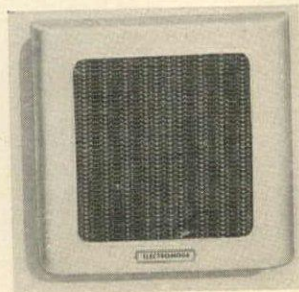


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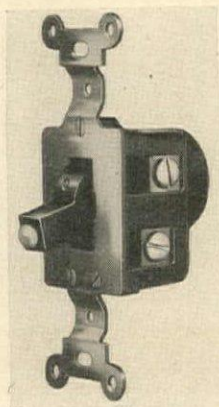
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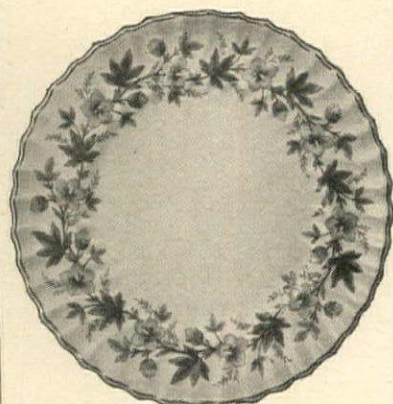
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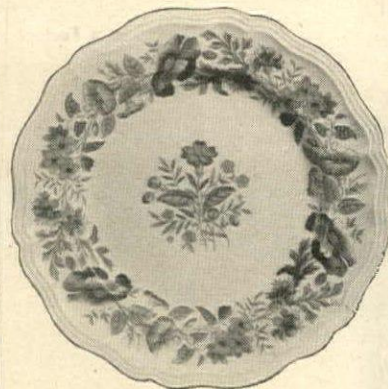
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Another class, which is deep rose to red slightly suffused with yellow, contains Glow, Radiance, Topaz Queen and Topaz Rose. All have prominent yellow throats. They are all excellent display varieties but Glow is preferred because of its dwarf, compact habit. In the velvety mahogany class is the small-flowered Flaming Velvet, which is rather a rampant grower.

The range of color among the violets is very limited. Heavenly Blue, Silver Blue and Silver Lilac are synonymous. They are lavender-violet and the tints vary greatly, to the disappointment of the grower. English Violet is a little deeper, an amethyst violet, pure and clear. Alderman is nearly a true violet and of pleasing conformation.

The reddish-royal purple class contains the greatest number of varieties, such as Blue Bedder, Blue Bee, Blue Bird, Violet Blue, Sutton's Blue, Violaacea and Violeteen. Their color differences are not sufficient to warrant listing all. Violaacea and Violeteen are synonymous and the color is variable and muddy. The others have more pleasing color, and the choice would probably be between Blue Bedder and Blue Bird.

Admiral is the deepest of all, nearly a true velvety royal purple. The plant is dwarf and its fascinating wavy pointed petals make it a "must" in our garden.

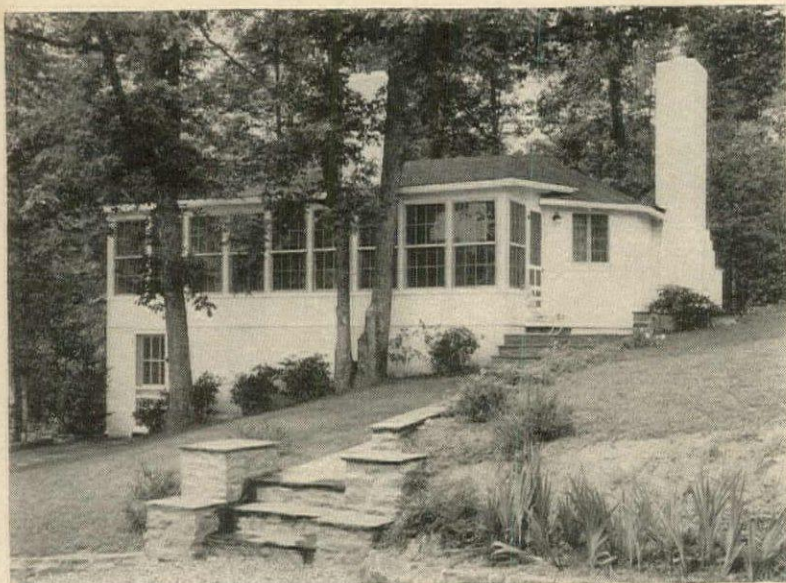
There are three excellent whites in Snow Queen, Snowball and Igloo. The first two are pure white, prolific and of good habit. Igloo forms a dwarf, compact plant covered the entire season with small white flowers tinted yellow at their centers. Cream Star is a rather disappointing dull yellow; its habit is straggly and its only redeeming feature is its star-shaped flower.

A selection of the large-flowered, plain-petaled type is comparatively easy because of the few existing varieties. The most desirable are White Queen and Snowstorm in white; Flaming Velvet, tall, and Velvet Ball, dwarf, in velvety mahogany; Burgundy, a vigorous grower with a rare color of the wine; and Elk's Pride, royal purple.

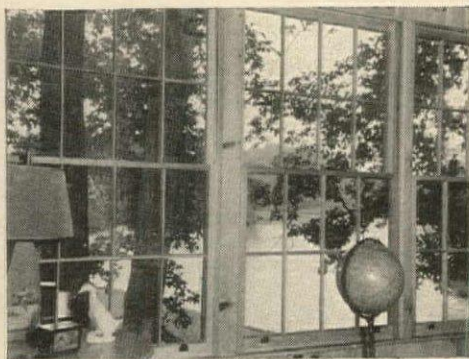
There are approximately a dozen varieties of the large-flowered, fringed type listed and all of them are sufficiently different to justify their existence. It must be borne in mind, however, that great variation may be expected both in color and conformation of the flowers. Frequently only half of the plants produce fringed flowers. Violet Beauty, Purple Beauty and Violet Blue are nearly synonymous.

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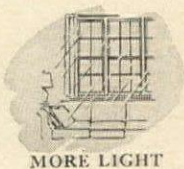
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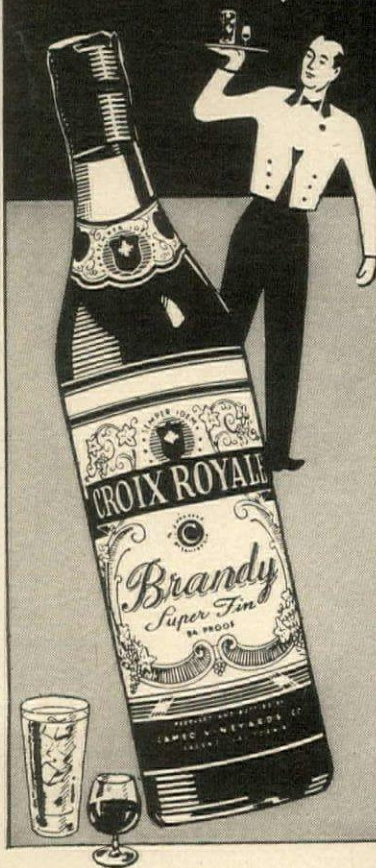
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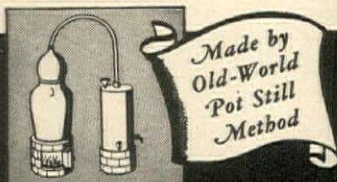


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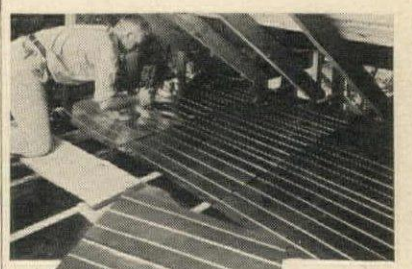


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As many pesticides are formulated for specific purposes, it is always necessary to read the label to determine if the material can be used for the purpose you have in mind. For example, DDT preparations on the market that are formulated specifically for use as household sprays may be harmful when used in your garden as they contain organic solvents and kerosene; DDT preparations specifically prepared for use on plants may not be very effective when used as household sprays. Cautionary measures on the label should be carefully followed.

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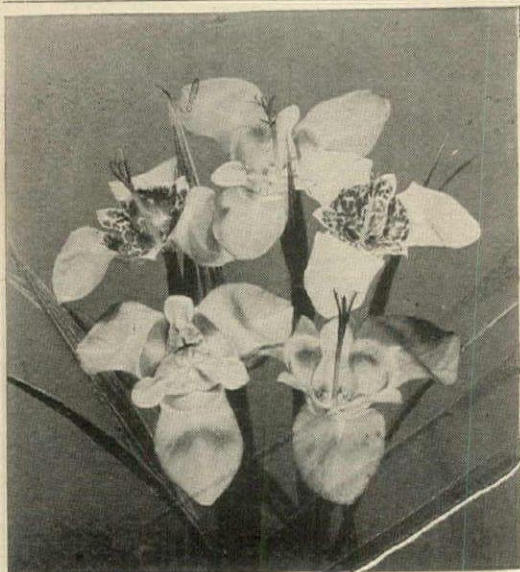
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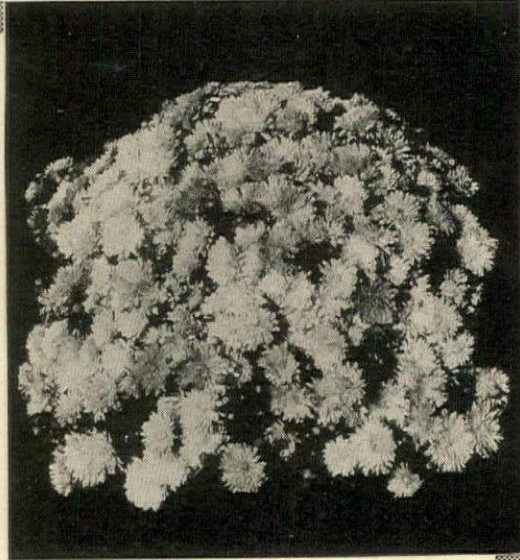
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Hormone sprays are used to thin blossoms on fruit trees, to delay blossom opening until frost danger is over, to prevent premature drop and to produce seedless tomatoes. Now S. H. Whittwer of the Missouri Station reports that yields of beans were consistently increased (20 to 40 per cent) by the use of another hormone material, p. Chlorophenoxyacetic acid. He is working on a hormone-insecticidal dust that will kill bean beetles and make for more or larger pods at a stroke. Such treatments increase set of fruit supplements, not substitutes, for pollination.

Bees remain nature's best pollinators. Among their many enemies is disease, of which **American foulbrood** is the most destructive. Breeders are working to develop high producing, gentle, good tempered bees that are also immune to disease. Already the U. S. Department of Agriculture has distributed throughout the country queens resistant to American foulbrood. The project is unfinished, the report states, but the breeding program continues to work toward other objectives.

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a choice of variety could be left up to color preference.

In addition to the new Colossal Shades of Rose double, there is small double-flowered America, excellent for bedding because of its compact dwarf habit. Its color is a true purple. Other doubles are being developed. They offer new colors and will soon beautify many gardens.

The American people are definitely flower conscious and they also recognize that advancements in plants are largely dependent upon the seedsman's integrity. In turn, members of the seed trade are making a greater effort to eliminate inferior and out-moded varieties and to maintain the purity of strains now listed. Catalogs are gradually being revamped and synonyms are disappearing. The millennium may not arrive for a few years but the home gardener can gain some pleasure from anticipation.

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Gloxinias may be grown to flower almost any time of the year. However, they do best when handled to bloom during the summer, their natural time. As they flower from seed in six or seven months, seed should be sown this
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stubs receive another cut back. This pruning is designed to encourage the development of the buds on the spurs. To protect the spurs and fruit buds when harvesting fruits, separate each fruit where its stem joins the spur proper.

When pruning in winter, the new growth on the tips of each leader (main stem) is cut back to one eye. These shoots had been kept all during the growing season on the theory that they draw the sap to the outermost buds, which might not otherwise receive enough nourishment because of the drastic pruning elsewhere. By winter-time they have fulfilled their purpose and are pruned back to keep the tree within bounds.

It is important to follow a careful pruning schedule for apples and pears. Slip-ups in pruning plums and cherries are of less consequence. Irrespective of how they are pruned, the latter trees will form fruit spurs. In fact they tend to overbear.

Peaches, nectarines and apricots have a different fruiting habit from the apple group. In the peach and nectarine, fruit is borne not on spurs, but on the young growth of the previous year, and this bears only once. The apricot bears on spurs as well as on young shoots. Pruning here is aimed at removing old fruiting growth, promoting a constant supply of young shoots, and regulating the number of fruits.

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should be pruned during the winter. The purpose of this winter pruning is two-fold. About a third of the shoots are cut back sharply to induce replacement growth that will bear the following year. The majority are cut back half way to reduce the number of fruits that will form in the spring; this conserves the strength of the tree considerably and results in larger and better quality fruits.

Summer pruning is done soon after the peaches have formed and young shoots have sprouted—in late May or early June, depending on the locality. Remove all the young shoots below the fruits. Retain those above the fruits but cut their tops back about three inches. These top shoots are needed to draw up the sap to nourish the fruits. When the tree is pruned the following winter, the growths which have borne fruit, together with all their shoots, are cut back to two buds. The rest of the pruning is done as previously explained, to cut back replacement growths and reduce the fruiting ones. Space the fruiting growths about one foot apart on the main branches.

The same system of pruning is applied to the nectarine, which is really a peach without the fuzz. Apricot pruning, in the main, is fashioned after that of the peach, the difference being that

spurs, which form on the older wood, are allowed to bear fruit. These spurs are short-lived (about three years) and are cut back to a strong bud, which, like the peach, will sprout replacement shoots.

Selection of kinds and varieties of fruits should be very carefully considered before an order is placed. Due to their mixed parentage, fruits may be resistant or susceptible to diseases and insects. For example, fire blight is a serious disease of pears. It can be avoided only by planting varieties resistant to it. Varieties Gorham, Seckel, Kieffer and Clairgeau (Beurre Clairgeau) are quite resistant yet they may show different degrees of resistance according to the region in which they grow. Where the native Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) abounds, avoid planting Rome Beauty, Wealthy and other apples susceptible to cedar rust. The peach Rochester is subject to brown rot disease and should definitely be avoided where this trouble is prevalent.

And there is the matter of hardiness to consider. Peaches are tender in many regions: Marigold, Greensboro and other relatively hardy types should be planted in cold regions where late frosts are the rule.

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varieties from the standpoint of time of ripening, too, so he can have a succession of crops. Their suitability for canning is another point to keep in mind. New varieties are constantly appearing on the market, and their qualities should be compared with established favorites. For these and other questions the new fruit grower would do well to consult his state experiment station or a local authority before making a final choice.

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Planting is successful in spring before growth begins, or in autumn after leaf-fall. To insure fruiting, pick locations in full sunshine. A rich soil is not needed: ordinary garden soil fortified with bone meal is suitable. What is important is that it be well drained.

In preparing the soil, dig a wide hole for the tree. Break up the subsoil and, if this is poor and of a clay texture, replace it with topsoil mixed with bone meal and firm it well. Set the tree so that the point where the graft was made (this is indicated by a swelling on the main stem) is well above soil level. If the graft is set below the soil, roots will grow from this point and defeat the dwarfing effect. If possible, select trees that have been grafted about four inches above the surface roots. Firm the soil well around the roots and give a good watering. In planting several trees in a row, set the horizontal and fan forms with a distance of two feet between the tips of the side leaders. The same spacing should be given between the upright leaders of the U-form.

An espalier should have a supporting framework built ten or twelve inches out from the wall or fence. Drive
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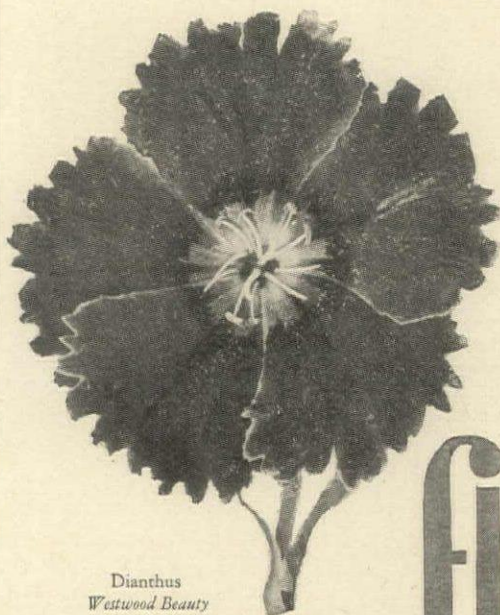
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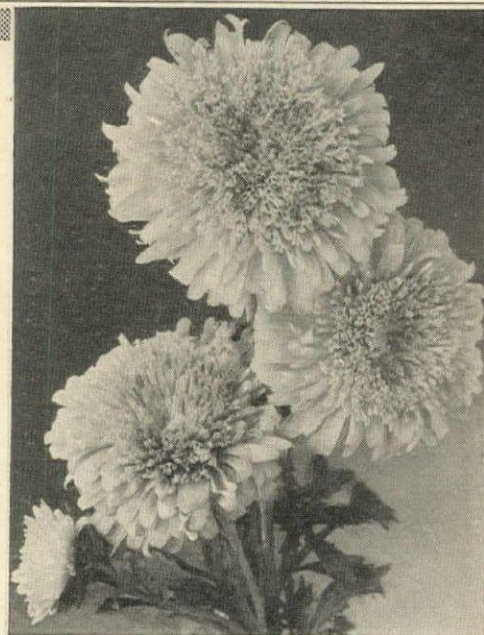
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spikes into the masonry or wood about a foot beyond the tips of the leader branches; or erect two posts of galvanized pipe and add a cross-piece attached by an L-nipple and flange. Fourteen-gauge wire can be stretched between the spikes or pipes at ten-inch intervals. Galvanized pipe or cedar poles, set ten feet apart, make end posts for trees planted in the open. The main leaders of the espaliers are attached to the supporting wires with raffia, tarred twine or insulated wire.

The foliage of espaliered trees is conveniently reached with sprays or dusts and therefore pest control is less of a problem than on standard-size trees. The amount of control necessary will depend on the locality and the kinds of fruit. Apples require more applications than pears to produce clean fruit; sweet cherries more than sour; nectarines more than peaches. The vigor of the trees and their general care will do much to influence their resistance to pests.

A program using a combination of spraying and dusting should keep the trees clean. Use the spray at critical periods and the dust in between, as necessary. As for a choice between methods of application, spraying is more thorough and lasting, but dusting is easier. Dusting is usually adequate for pears and may be for other

fruits as well if pests are comparatively low in the locality.

The following program is offered as a general guide to spraying espaliers. The quantities of chemicals are for mixing enough water to make two gallons of spray. Apply immediately after mixing.

First or dormant spray, all fruits:

1 quart liquid lime-sulphur, or
10 ounces dry lime-sulphur powder

Second spray, apples and pears (after the blossom petals begin to fall, approximately when about three-fourths have gone):

½ pint liquid lime-sulphur, or
4 ounces dry lime-sulphur powder
(about 4 tablespoonfuls to the ounce)
2 ounces arsenate of lead (for protection against wormy fruit)

Later applications of rotenone dust will discourage aphids and other insects.

Second spray, peaches, apricots, plums and sweet cherries (applied when the shucks fall from the tiny peaches):

2 ounces wettable sulphur
1 ounce arsenate of lead
1 ounce hydrated lime

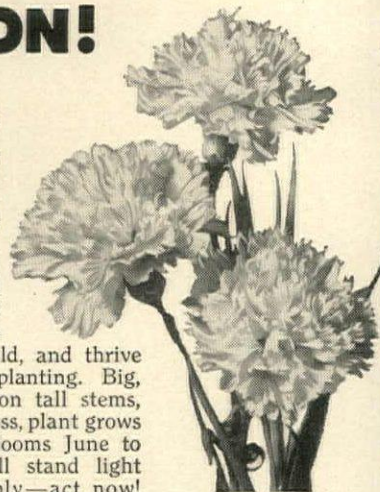
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month. Sphagnum moss is the best growing medium for the fine seeds and its use avoids the damping-off disease. After sowing on moist sphagnum, the seed pan is covered with a sheet of glass to retain moisture. The glass must be raised slightly after germination to avoid overheating.

Seed Sowing

If sphagnum moss is unavailable, sterilized soil can be used instead. Make a mixture of equal parts garden soil, sand and leaf mold or peat moss. Place the soil in the oven and bake with a medium-size potato. When the potato is baked, the soil should be free of any organisms that would harm the tender seedlings. Sow the seed and handle similarly to the sphagnum moss method. The next step is to transplant the seedlings into a shallow box and space them several inches apart each way. When two or three leaves have formed, the seedlings may be potted up in four- or five-inch pots, in which they will flower.

There are two other methods of increase, by leaf cuttings and by tubers. As in the case of African Violet, the leaf-cutting method is rather slow. Select a partly matured leaf and insert it in sandy soil. Keep the soil a little on the dry side to promote rooting and the formation of tubers. When the

tubers have formed, plant the rooted cutting in a pot.

The tuber method of propagating gloxinias is the most practical for home gardeners because it involves the least work. Tubers should be planted this month or in February in an acid soil mixture composed of one part loam, one part peat or leaf mold, one part sand and one part well-rotted manure. Mix four level tablespoons of superphosphate to each peck of the soil mixture. This is the mixture in which to grow all gloxinias to maturity. In planting the tubers, set one-and-one-half or two-inch tubers with the crowns even with the soil surface.

Soil and Culture

This rich soil foundation eliminates the necessity of fertilizing gloxinias during the growing period. However, somewhat nicer blooms can be secured if plants are watered with manure water or fed with dried blood. A home gardener has reported that a gloxinia plant grown in steam-sterilized compost had leaves measuring up to five inches across and ten inches long, and produced twenty-two flowers.

The gloxinia prefers temperature and light conditions very similar to those of the African Violet. Grow in a
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GROWING GLOXINIAS

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night temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and a day temperature of 70. A temperature above 75 degrees is unsatisfactory, encouraging spindly growth. An east window is a satisfactory location, but the gloxinia can be placed in a south or west window if it is set just out of direct sunlight. A plant set too far from the window gets long and spindly and generally doesn't bloom.

Since it is native to tropical America, the gloxinia needs fairly high humidity. This requirement may be difficult to fill in our heated homes, but plants may be set on wet pebbles or sand in a large container or tray to increase the humidity around them. Plants often grow well in the kitchen, generally more humid than other parts of the house.

Over watering is a common fault in the home care of gloxinias and causes them, like African Violets, to go to pieces. This can be avoided by placing ample drainage material in the container and by allowing the soil to dry out at the surface before giving more water. However, plants should never suffer from want of water. Continuous use of hard water may change an acid soil to an undesirable alkaline. Lukewarm rain water is the best to use.

Shortly after they are through flowering, gloxinias should be given a rest period. Water is gradually withheld in order to mature the leaves. When the foliage has turned a lighter green, the plants should be stored in their pots in a cool basement of about 40 or 45 degrees Fahrenheit. The following January or February the soil is removed from the roots, which can then be repotted in fresh soil.

Plants that are kept growing vigorously in the recommended environment are unlikely to be bothered by pests. However, there are three or four that are occasionally troublesome. Sometimes the leaves turn a shiny brown. A hand lens will disclose the presence of mites, tiny pests that stunt the young leaves and buds. A cure is extremely difficult under home conditions and it is best to discard infested plants.

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Thrips are probably the most common pest on gloxinias. Slightly larger than mites, these slender insects can sometimes be detected by the naked eye. They cause rough, rusty spots, usually between the largest of the leaf veins. The leaves and flowers may have a sil-

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GLOXINIAS

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very cast and may appear deformed.

Rotenone should eliminate both thrips and aphids. Pyrethrum spray may be used for thrips provided the directions on the container are carefully followed; do not use it on seedlings or on plants ready to bloom. If neither insecticide is available locally, use the cold water method of eliminating thrips. This should be done in the morning. Hold the plant upside down and immerse the entire top in water. Move the plant gently around in the water to dislodge the thrips. Discard the water after use. Repeat this operation every seven days until the plants are clean.

Downy mildew sometimes is found on gloxinias. This disease causes the leaves to soften and turn dark brown, and the tubers may show rotted areas. Usually the plants collapse and quickly die. To avoid this trouble, grow the plants from seed or from healthy tubers. Avoid overwatering and never use cold water. Give plants ventilation without direct drafts.

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without adding much to upkeep. An arbor connecting house and garage is one way to tie in parts of the design. Another useful addition might be a hedge or fence to give privacy to the terrace. Or the service area can be compacted, giving more space for lawn and flowers.

There may be an opportunity for utilizing waste space. A partly shaded area at the side of the house can be turned into a bird sanctuary, planted to evergreens and berried shrubs that make a nice composition when viewed from a window. To a vacant garden corner can be added a small shade tree and bench that will offer welcome refuge to weary gardener and, to visitors. Getting down to plant details, Father Hugo's Rose will be far more attractive if the ground beneath it is planted to forget-me-nots and dwarf iris that bloom in company with its single yellow flowers.

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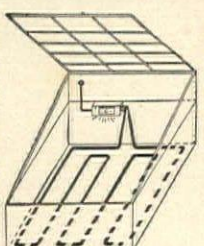
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first opportunity to mark them. In connection with renovating the borders, plan ways to save time on routine work next season.

A permanent edging will eliminate hours with line, reel and edger, and will also give a sprucer appearance to the border. A double row of bricks is one solution—the inner row placed upright and tight against the outer row that is laid flat and flush with the lawn so the mower can go over it. Even a row of boxwood or other neat edging plant saves work, for it keeps the perennials within bounds and out of the way of the mower and hides any irregularities in the edge of the grass.


In a study of border combinations and other details, plant diaries and photographs, especially kodachromes, come in handy. All gardeners are prone to crowd plants and include too great variety from the years' accumulation. And, worse yet, they cling to old varieties, probably more from habit than from sentiment. At any rate, this is a good time to take an inventory of herbaceous plants in an effort to make the most of the finest kinds. If the border is very narrow, two or three main flowering periods may be all that can be satisfactorily squeezed out. The wider the border, the greater can be the variety of plants. With long-blooming,

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New varieties

Even if a final choice of existing plants must wait until the plants bloom again, the gardener can study up on new varieties (see check list of new plants, page 98) during the winter. If other garden work precludes renovating all borders in the spring, he can remake at least a section. "Remake" is the word, because digging up and re-setting plants is actually easiest—and certainly the most satisfying—way to shape up a border where weeds have become discouragingly tangled with perennial roots.

Finally, the gardener can look over the architectural features of his garden, particularly the furniture. Even if it is good from the standpoint of use, a staining or coat of paint (not a raw green, but a soft earthy grey or brown that will recede and let the flowers carry the color) will doubtless be needed. This is another immediate chore for pent-up garden ambition.



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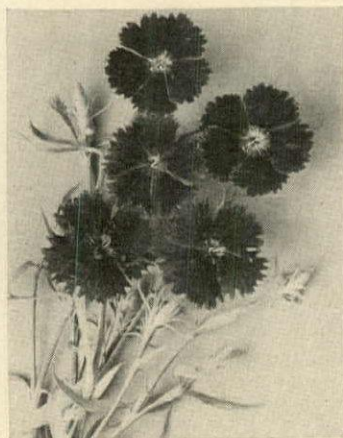
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EVERY year seed and nursery catalogs feature novelties of the current year. Here is a summary, by type plant, of the things that make 1946 horticultural news. A postal addressed to our Reader Service will bring you information on their sources.

ANNUALS

COSMOS YELLOW RUFFLES: flower form similar to Orange Ruffles, with a double row of petals; early; 3' tall.
DIANTHUS WESTWOOD BEAUTY: fringed flowers to 2½" across in shades of crimson; 14" tall; winner of honorable mention, All-America Selections.



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TETRA SNAPS (Giant Ruffled Tetraploid Snapdragons): large flowers in many colors; leathery leaves; 2½' tall.

SWEET PEA WAVES: mid-blue ruffled flowers; plants resistant to mosaic.

BULBS AND TUBERS

DAHLIA novelties number among the dozens each year. Some of 1946's best are:

Ray Smith: large semi-cactus, lavender.

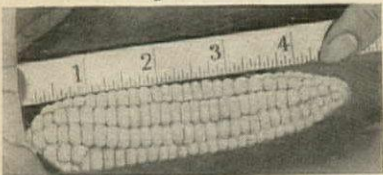
Mrs. Hester Pape: reddish purple large informal decorative on heavy stems.

Five Star General: large formal decorative, blend of pink and cream.

Lakeside Beauty: medium size formal
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Chips: miniature semi-cactus, yellow tipped with red.

Favorites of the past two years include:
Joan Ferenz: chrome yellow semi-cactus.

Jane Lausche: informal decorative, bi-color lavender with white tips.

Ogden Reid: deep pink formal decorative.

Clover: white pompon with lavender blush.

White Faun: miniature formal decorative.

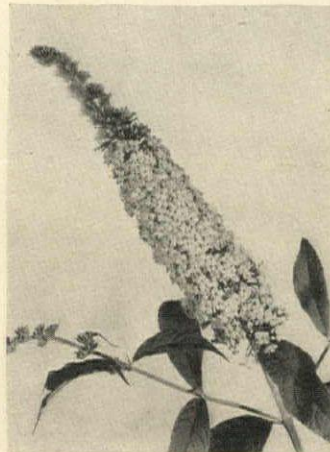
GLADIOLUS varieties within the price range of home gardeners for the first time this year include: *Leading Lady* (cream white sport of Picardy), *Lantana* (orange); *Martha Deane* (yellow), *Elizabeth the Queen* (lavender), *Miss Wisconsin* (rose), *Connecticut Yankee* (pale pink), *King Click* (red), *Red Charm* and *Purple Supreme*.

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Buddleia Peace

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Helen McGregor (azure blue),
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 (white), *Admiration* (yellow).

IRIS varieties now within the price
 range of home gardeners include:
Lady Mohr (cream and lilac), *Al-
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Colleen Moore: deep red; to 2½' tall.

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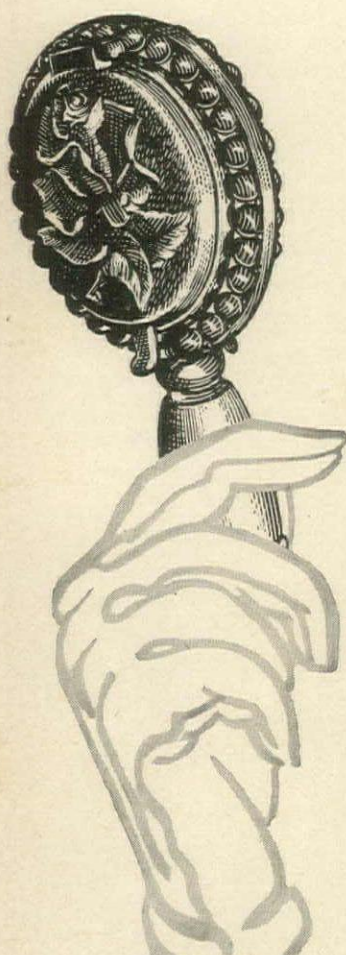
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This lowly plowman is a fine thing in the garden, says horticulturist Jean Hersey

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But the worm has come into its own. This humble creature that few of us thought much about has taken a foremost place in horticulture. You'll have to go out in the garden and eat something different when your spirits sink, for a worm is too valuable to waste.

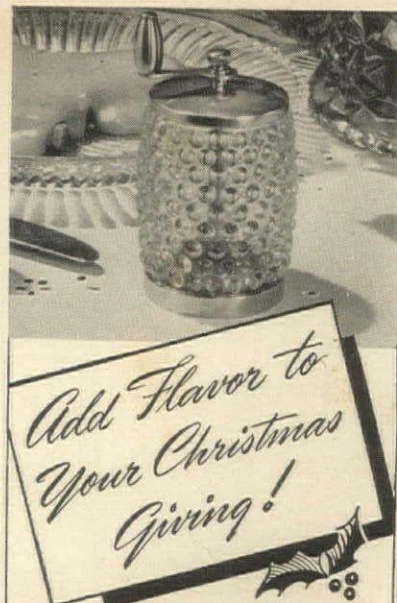
If you put worms under your strawberry plants, you will harvest sixty quarts in a single season in the same space with the same number of plants where you now harvest thirty quarts. Take two identical small fruit trees and plant them on the same day. The one with the handful of worms among its roots will make two and a half times as much growth as the other. An elm tree planted on worms will grow three times as tall in a few years as one planted in the same soil and location

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Bernice Warner, in Worthington, Ohio, took over where Dr. Oliver left off. By day she is a bookkeeper in a large paint factory, but at night and weekends she raises worms, experiments with them in her garden and

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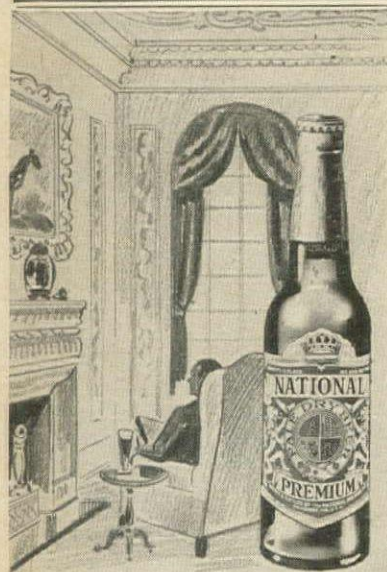
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A sensitive creature

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likely to flood his hole, cut off his supply and prove fatal.

You can't make two worms by cutting one worm in two as many people believe but if a fat robin dines on a worm tail, all else being equal, the worm is likely to generate a new tail but will never reproduce again. If you study a worm closely, you will see hook-like bristles all over his body. It is by means of these bristles as well as his highly developed muscular system that he moves along.

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The best way to establish worms in your garden is to buy a few thousand and put them in your compost. From here shovel them out into the earth as you plant. You can also build a special compost for breeding them—a sort of master bedroom. Dig a hole about six feet across, three feet wide and three feet deep. Put about a foot of leaves, manure, or compost in the bottom. Set the worms in the box they come in in the center of the hole, surround it with dirt and cover it with more leaves and compost. There must be some animal manure in this hole to start. (Incidentally, you should leave the worms in the "master bedroom" a year at least if you start with 1,800. Of course, if you start with several thousand, you can begin taking them out in a few months.)

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If you start out with a few thousand hybrid worms in the garden, they will multiply rapidly year after year. Meanwhile, you will have living organisms thriving on decayed animal and vegetable matter, always working and keeping the root systems clean and chemically changing the soil for plant consumption.

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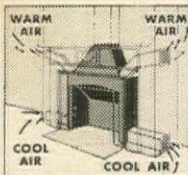
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The music for many of the ballets in this season's repertoire has been recorded so that the balletomanes may catch and hold their enthusiasm in repeat performances at home. Following is a list of current good records with the ballets which are being danced to them:

FIREBIRD—Igor Stravinsky's "The Firebird" suite played by NBC Orchestra, Stokowski conducting on Victor's DM-933, \$3.50. Also by All-American Orchestra, with Stokowski on Columbia's M-MM-446, \$3.50.

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SPECTRE DE LA ROSE—Weber's "Invitation to the Waltz" played by Philadelphia Orchestra with Stokowski on Victor's Red Seal 15189, \$1.

SWAN LAKE—danced to Tchaikovsky's Opus 20 music, excerpts of which are played by London Symphony, Dorati conducting on Columbia's M-MM-349, \$4.50. Victor has excerpts played by St. Louis Symphony under Golschmann, scheduled for release in February, 1946.



A first-album for new balletomanes is RCA Victor's C30 "Night of the Ballet" which has excerpts from "Carnaval", "Les Sylphides", "Swan Lake", "Spectre de la Rose", "Petrushka", "Tricorne", "Petrovich", "Scheherazade" and others by the London Symphony Orchestra under Walter Goehr, \$3.50.

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Once you get the habit of doing your own choreography to music you will find many passages which have never been danced but obviously new for ballet, and your imagination. There are some fine recordings of such music waiting to be embroidered with boy-girl-villain motifs of the ballet.

TILL EULENSPIEGEL'S MELODIES—by R. Strauss, the new red unbreakable plastic records on Victor with the Boston Symphony under Koussevitsky, DV-1 at \$4.50.

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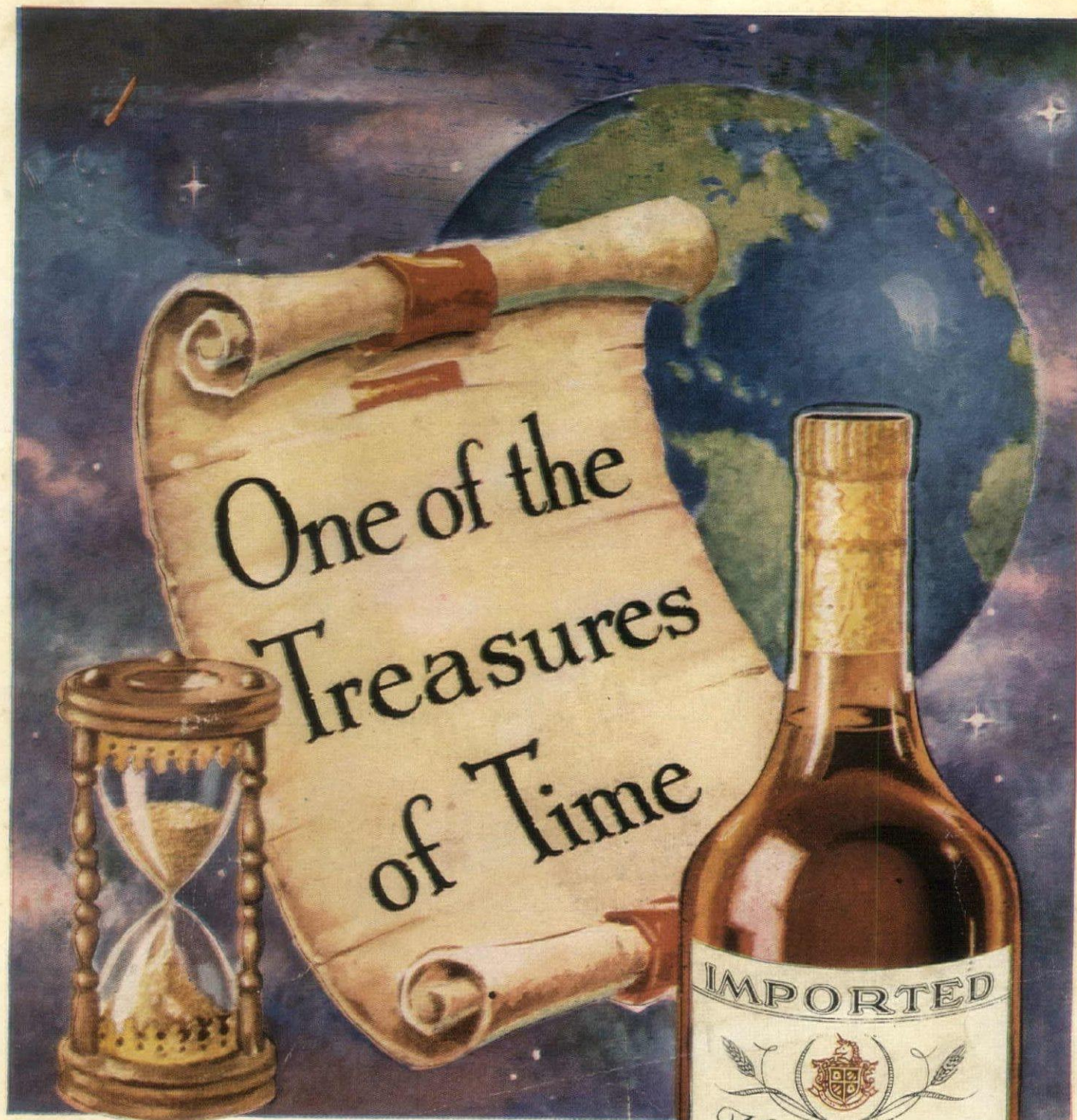
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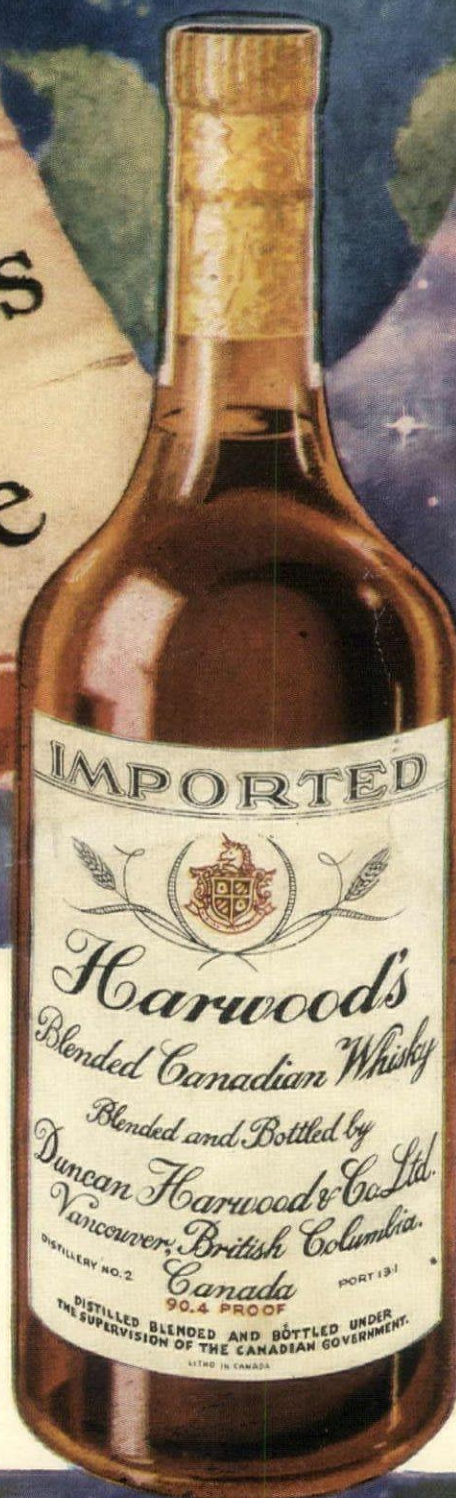
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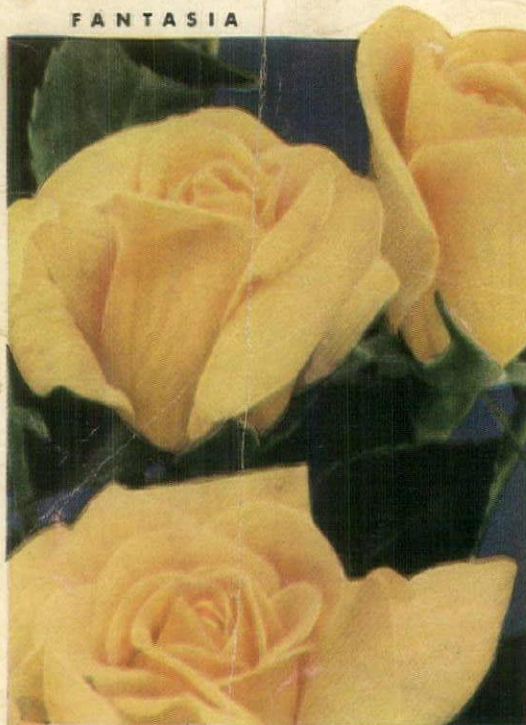
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